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Portfolio £22,000 to be won

There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today - the weekly prize of £20,000 and the daily £2,000. The competition was won yesterday by Mr A. C. Larking of Kingston upon Thames. Portfolio list, page 24; weekly list, information service, back page.

Russians expel US diplomat

An American diplomat "caught conducting an espionage action" has been ordered to leave the Soviet Union. Tass identified him as Mr Paul Stombaugh and said he was detained on Thursday in Moscow. Mr Stombaugh works in the embassy's political section. He declined to comment on the charges.

Rates surrender

A decision by Liverpool City Council to fix a rate and a budget came too late to save most of the Labour majority from legal action. Page 2

Dollar hit

Rumours that President Reagan has suffered a heart attack, quickly denied by the White House, sent the dollar down sharply. The pound rose by 1.5 cents to \$1.2795. Page 23

Poles jailed

Three of Poland's Solidarity leaders were given lengthy jail sentences in Gdansk on charges of stirring up public unrest. Page 6

Pay-off blow

Redundant miners could lose more than £10 million in severance pay and benefits over the next 18 months because of a ruling that their redundancy is "voluntary". Page 2

Air war truce

Iraq's President Saddam Hussein said he will halt air attacks on Iranian cities for two weeks to enable Tehran to consider a five-point peace offer. Iraqi air raids yesterday killed 70 people. Cities hit, page 7

Pensions split

The three independent advisers on the Government's pensions inquiry are in disarray over its plan to phase out the state earnings related pension scheme. Page 2

Argentina crisis

A bank holiday was imposed suddenly in Argentina as President Alfonsín prepared to announce a price and wage freeze to combat inflation and a new currency to replace the ailing peso. Page 6

Mengele file

The son of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele has turned over hundreds of letters, photographs and documents about his father's 34 years on the run to a Munich magazine. Family pledge, page 8

Guinness bid

Guinness, the brewery and retailing group, has bid £305 million for Arthur Bell and Sons, the whisky maker. Bell rejected the offer. Page 23

Share the stage

You can obtain tax relief on investments in the theatre. One of the latest Business Expansion Scheme companies on offer is Theatre Productions with the David Essex musical Mollie in its portfolio. Family Money, pages 26-29

England's reply

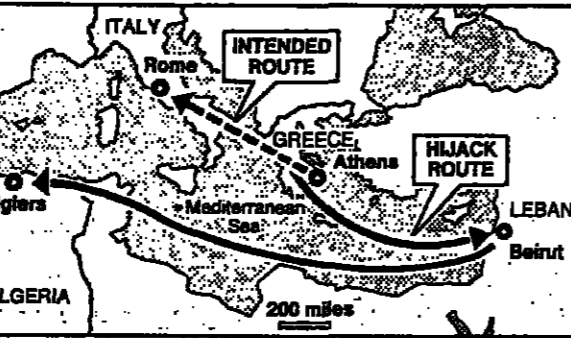
Tim Robinson scored an unbeaten 66 and Ian Botham took three wickets in four balls as England scored 134 for two in reply to Australia's 331 in the first Test. Page 3

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Lebanese gunmen hijack US jet and 126 tourists

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

In a critical test of President Reagan's avowed determination never to surrender to political blackmail, the US Government was last night trying to prevent the killing of scores of American tourists held captive aboard a hijacked TWA jet by two Lebanese Shia Muslim gunmen. After five hours of negotiations at Algiers airport, the aircraft took off late last night for an unknown destination. Twenty passengers, including 17 women and two children, had been freed minutes before. There were originally 145 passengers and a crew of eight on the jet. Nineteen women and children were set free when the plane landed earlier in Beirut. The gunmen - demanding the release of more than 700 Shia Muslim Lebanese imprisoned without trial in Israel - claimed to have rigged the seats of the Boeing 727 with explosives after earlier threatening to shoot the passengers one by one. There are believed to be 134 people on board. The two men had hijacked the plane, flight TW840, en route from Athens to Rome, by bursting into the cockpit a few minutes after take-off, holding a grenade and ordering the American pilot to fly to Beirut. They beat several passengers about the head, apparently shooting one of them in the neck, before forcing the pilot to land with the grenade held near his face. It was, even by the standards of other Lebanese hijacks a brutal affair and one national frontier during its withdrawal from Lebanon in April, and the continued imprisonment of more than 700 of them has been a long-standing source of bitterness and anger in the south of the country. In Beirut, the hijacker announced over the pilot's radio that he would release his passengers only after all Lebanese held in Israel had been handed over to the Red Cross and sent to Sidon in Lebanon. In a typically rhetorical statement, he also condemned "American attempts to control the (Middle East) region" and claimed that the CIA had been behind a car bombing that killed more than 80 people in the Beirut suburb of Bir Abed earlier this year. Equally typical were the passengers on board the plane, innocent and largely elderly tourists, most of them American, who had saved for years for their trip to Europe and the Middle East. Thirty were members of a Catholic church-goers group from Chicago. Twelve of the passengers were believed to be Israelis, while others included Greeks, Australians and Sudanese. They had been forced to fly for almost two hours, bent double in their seats under pain of being beaten. Four children aboard were released with their mothers and other women when the plane reached Beirut. During talks with Algerian negotiators, accompanied by US embassy officials, the Lebanese gunmen had apparently responded calmly, a far cry from their aggressive manner at Beirut six hours before. Yet even there they were clearly confident that the aircraft would not be stormed by Shia Muslim troops of the Lebanese Army. Nor were the hijackers talking to an unsympathetic audience. When I climbed into the control tower of Beirut airport yesterday morning, I found the circular room filled not just with airport officials but also with heavily-armed Shia Muslim gunmen holding automatic rifles, ammunition clips and pistols. The red and white TWA Boeing 727 was parked a few hundred yards away from the tower, a bowser hooked up to the fuel tanks on the aircraft's right wing. Shortly before 1.30, the cabin door suddenly opened and an orange escape chute fell to the tarmac. From the control tower it was possible to see 19 figures sliding down the chute and running towards the airport's fire control office. Continued on back page, col 5



Demand for fuel 'or passengers will die'

The conversation in English between the American pilot of the hijacked airliner and the Beirut control tower went as follows (AP reports): Plane: Beirut control, TWA 847, request landing instructions. Tower: I am unable to give you landing instructions due to the closure of the airport, sir. Advise the hijackers that I think they understand English. Plane: Well, yeah, they do. But they're insistent upon landing in Beirut. Tower: You have not permission to land Beirut airport. It's up to you and to the hijackers to go on. Plane: Beirut, the hijacker has pulled the pin on his hand grenade. He will land at Beirut. He is desperate. Tower: My word is to the hijacker. (continues in Arabic) Plane: (Interrupting) He has pulled a hand grenade pin and is ready to blow up the aircraft if he has to. We must, I repeat, we must land at Beirut. We must land at Beirut. No alternative. Tower: OK. It's up to you to go on. It's up to you to go on. I can't give you permission because my responsibility doesn't give me permission for you to land. The airport is closed. (Garbled). Would you advise the hijacker to hold for 10 minutes? Can you hold for 10 minutes to find a solution for your problem? Plane: TWA 847, that is a negative. We understand, we understand, but we must land at Beirut. The hijacker is insistent. Thank you. Tower: Understand that you are landing without permission. Thank you. Plane: Be advised we have no choice, we must land. Tower: OK. Sir, land, land quietly. Land quietly. It's up to you, Sir. As you know, the airport is not in my hands. After the hijacked plane landed the conversation went as follows: Plane: Ground, TWA 847, they are threatening to kill the passengers, they are threatening to kill the passengers. We must need fuel, we must get fuel. Tower: I am trying, I am trying to arrange for you. Trying to arrange fuel for... Plane: They are beating the passengers, they are beating the passengers. They are threatening to kill them now. They are threatening to kill them now. We want the fuel now. Immediately. Tower: I am doing my best. Plane: Five minutes, five minutes at the most. Five minutes, five minutes or he's going to kill passengers.

Inflation at highest level for 2 1/2 years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent The rate of inflation rose to 7 per cent last month, its highest from more than two and a half years. The May inflation rate, which is used for the uprating of pensions and other benefits, is more than two percentage points higher than the Government forecast in its January public spending plans. This will add £800 to £900 million to the annual public spending total. Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employment, stressed the impact of higher mortgage rates on the inflation rate. Excluding mortgages, he said, the rate was 5.3 per cent, the same as in March and April. He reaffirmed the Government's view that, after remaining at about the present level over the summer, inflation will fall back sharply later in the year. However, City economists expect a further rise in the rate, to about 7.5 per cent next month, and that the fall in the second half of the year will be modest. The Government's forecast of 5 per cent inflation by the end of the year is regarded as unattainable, even if mortgage rates fall from their present level of 14 per cent, to 12 per cent. The retail prices index rose to 375.6 (January 1974 = 100) last month, up 0.5 per cent on April, when it was 373.9. The 12-month rate, of 7 per cent, was the highest since September 1982. Higher vehicle prices and running costs, including a 1p a gallon rise in petrol prices; the effects of increased gas and electricity charges; and the remaining effects of the last mortgage rate increase and the Budget changes in excise duties, provided the main sources of the rise in the index last month. Seasonal food prices fell 0.1 per cent, with cabbage down 4p and new potatoes down 1p a pound. Kenneth Fleet, page 23



Mr John Walker, whose son, Andrew, died on board the Sir Galahad in the Falklands conflict, holding his grandson, aged two-and-a-half, at a memorial service in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday. (Report and more photographs, back page).

S Africa pilloried over Botswana US recalls envoy in protest at raid

By Our Foreign Staff The Reagan Administration, in a move that effectively marked the end of its policy of "constructive engagement" yesterday announced in Washington that it was recalling its ambassador to South Africa for consultations to show its anger at the commando attack in Botswana against alleged guerrilla targets on Thursday night. The American action plunged relations between the two countries to their lowest level since President Reagan took office four and a half years ago. Mr Bernard Kalb, the State Department spokesman, said that because of the raid against Gaborone, the Botswana capital, and last month's military operation by South African commandos in Angola, "We have decided to recall our ambassador to South Africa here on consultations to review the situation." In toughly worded statement, Mr Kalb said the US "condemned" the raid which, he said, would further complicate US-led efforts to bring peace to southern Africa. In London, the South African Ambassador was summoned to the Foreign Office last night to be told by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, of Britain's strongest condemnation of his Government. In an uncompromising statement, the Foreign Secretary made clear the "very serious view" taken by Britain of the incident. He strongly condemned the violation of the sovereignty of a Commonwealth country and "deplored" the violence which had resulted in much loss of life, the Foreign Office spokesman said. He added that the British Government regarded the attack as "undefensible". The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Mr Sonny Ramphal, also condemned the South African action. It was an outrageous act which would serve only to strengthen the resolve of those working to end apartheid, he said. The President of Botswana, Dr Quett Masire, issued a statement last night condemning the raid. The Botswana Government, he said, had given repeated assurances that it did not permit Botswana territory "to be used for launching attacks against neighbouring countries." The Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa yesterday denounced as "cowardly" and "lawless" the raid. Report, page 7

Finns to be freed today

Jerusalem (Reuters) - The Israeli army announced last night that the South Lebanon Army militia would today release 21 Finnish United Nations troops it has held captive for the past week. In Helsinki, the Finnish Foreign Ministry confirmed last night that the Finnish peace keepers will be freed this morning. Earlier report, page 6

Mellish a peer, 3 MPs knighted Awards for Brighton rescuers

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent The Prime Minister has honoured the Brighton brave - the doctors and members of the emergency services who went into the Grand Hotel after the IRA bombing last October. The Queen's birthday honours list, published today, includes peerages for Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, and Mr Bob Mellish, the former Labour Chief Whip who resigned in 1982 from his seat of South-wark, Bermondsey. Mr Philip Larkin, the poet, and Professor Robert Portem of the Oxford University biochemist, become Companions of Honour, and the knights include Mr David Attenborough, the broadcaster; Mr Roy Griffiths, the deputy chairman of J Sainsbury who led the inquiry into National Health Service management; Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI; Mr Neville Marriar, the conductor; and

Syria not to transfer diplomat

Syria yesterday rejected a Foreign Office request that Mr Ahmed Rajab, who illegally occupied a London family's home for more than three months, should be withdrawn. It hinted that if he was expelled Syria might consider taking reciprocal action. The Syrian Ambassador, Dr Loutof Allah Haydar, said: "Syria has not considered transferring him from London because we do not feel he should be withdrawn. The investigators and co-ordinators of this malicious campaign against Syria should have known beforehand that pressure on Syria never pays." The Foreign Office made it clear that the matter would be taken further and is deciding whether to declare Mr Rajab persona non grata. Mr Rajab had claimed diplomatic immunity and refused to move out of the flat in Stonor Road, Kensington.

BRITTANY'S BLISS



Daily Telegraph ONE OF THE most successful time-share operations in Great Britain has been that at Court Barton, close to Salcombe, in Devon. Although the tireless ex-soldier Michael Groom, whose platoon of staff has helped make it a success, prefers the term "holiday investment", owners of weeks there have a stake in the freehold and at the end of the term, originally 25 years, each shareholder has a vote in the future of the resort. Now Groom is taking his expertise to Southern Brittany where, close to the ancient city of Quimper, and not far from the sea, stands a chateau de plaisance - the Chateau de Guilguiffin. A similar development to that at Court Barton, with identical corporate structure... Meanwhile, back at Court Barton, owners are taking pride in a recent Civic Trust Award. David Hopkin Daily Telegraph, Friday, December 28th 1984

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Liverpool fixes legal rate but budget is higher than projected income

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Liverpool City Council fixed a legal rate yesterday, and a budget that may be illegal because it allows for more spending than the rates will pay for. The spending package was passed by 49 votes to 42, with five Labour members voting against it with the Opposition.

Mr Derek Hutton, deputy leader, said later: "We are not to believe that there is a danger of disqualification and bankruptcy, and none of us wishes that. But this Tory Government's policy of destroying the jobs and services of the people of Liverpool has left us with no choice."

The fixing of a rate came too late to save most of the Labour majority from action to recover losses incurred by the delay. The Audit Commission, a quango that monitors spending efficiency in local government, is told district auditors to make extraordinary audits of the books in Liverpool as well as in Lambeth, south London.

Such an audit is an essential

stage in the long process of recovering losses from councillors and of barring them from office. But Liverpool could face an extra legal challenge because of its unbalanced budget.

The rate-capping law enacted last year modified existing local government law to enable ratepayers to mount a legal challenge if they consider that their council has levied a rate too low to cover its spending. The courts can then order the council to levy a higher, substitute rate.

"Now that we have made this decision we have to face the possibility of going to prison," Mr John Hamilton, leader of Liverpool council, said yesterday.

Mr Bill Murray, city solicitor, told councillors: "You have passed a resolution. Officers will work to that until there is a court order to stop them. Until a challenge is made in the court we proceed normally."

The Liverpool rate is enough to finance spending of £236

million this year instead of the £265 million adopted by the council. The joint shop steward's committee covering most of the council's workforce of more than 30,000 has decided to call for strikes if councillors are penalized.

The Liverpool decision leaves Lambeth as the only one of the original 20 rebels which is still postponing setting a rate until ministers offer spending concessions. It is also the only one in which ratepayers need not yet pay their rates.

Delegates at the annual conference of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) yesterday rejected a call for national support of Lambeth councillors. Ms Anna Tapsell, chairman of the Lambeth branch of Nalgo, had proposed that branches should be called on to take selective action when such notices were sent to Lambeth councillors.

Government advisers split on pensions

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The three independent advisers on the Government's pensions inquiry which formed part of the social security review were yesterday in dissent over the Government's plans to phase out the state earnings related pensions scheme and replace it with compulsory private provision.

None of the three was prepared to fully endorse the Government's plans. They all said the final proposal had come from the Government, not the inquiry team, which had been charged with offering advice, not reaching a consensus recommendation.

Professor Alan Peacock, Professor of Public Finance at Heriot-Watt University, said: "My advice was to abolish Serps, but rather than have a compulsory private pension top up of 4 per cent as the Government is proposing, I would have preferred raising the basic pension."

Mr Stewart Lyon, general manager (group finance) of Legal and General Assurance, said he favoured changes to Serps to reduce its costs, but not its abolition.

The final result, he said, if another government reversed the decision, as Labour is committed to do, could be an enlarged state scheme with less private provision. "I would have thought that was exactly the opposite of what the Government wanted to achieve."

Mr Marshall Field, general manager of Phoenix Assurance, said the Government's phase-out proposal was "very elegant,

but I am not over the moon about it". He had originally favoured changes to Serps to cut its costs by up to 40 per cent, involving large numbers of small private pensions for highly mobile employees such as those in the building trade, as the Government proposed, could be "quite expensive", he said. "It's the thing the state scheme does rather better."

He said if the Government's proposals, with the phased introduction and enhancement of Serps for those in their forties, were discussed coolly "there is just a chance they might stick". But he said he would "regret it very strongly" if they led to the uncertainty and stagnation in the pensions industry seen in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Mr Peacock said the Government's plans for compulsory private pensions were "very inflexible".

The Green Paper was sympathetic to raising the basic state pension (which Serps tops up), but "in the long term", he said, raising the basic pension would mean "you would have to find some cut in government spending, elsewhere, not necessarily in social security. But I felt it was the basic pension which was important."

Mr Lyon said he had argued that providing private pensions for those outside occupational schemes could not be done properly without excessive difficulty and expense. Serps, he said, "reaches those employees the private sector cannot reach."

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Miners face £10m loss in benefits

Redundant miners stand to lose more than £10 million in severance pay during the next 18 months because of a new Department of Health and Social Security ruling that their redundancy is "voluntary".

The department is refusing to change a ruling by its chief adjudication officer that unemployment benefit is not payable for the first six weeks for the 25,000-30,000 miners expected to leave the industry in the coming months.

The ruling, which is being tested in several appeal cases brought by the National Union of Mineworkers, will take a hard toll on miners above 50 for whom the severance scheme provides average weekly payments ranging from £78.75 to £104.15. Under the Mineworkers Redundancy Act, they have to be receiving unemployment benefit, to qualify for the other elements of the severance payments.

The ruling means that for the first six weeks after leaving the industry the men will now get nothing.

Miners leaving the industry can take advantage of two schemes, which the Government has deliberately made generous in the hope of avoiding confrontation.

For those aged between 18 and 50, there is a lump sum of £1,000 for each year of service. Those over 50 receive the weekly payments until they reach 65 on condition that they do not take up other paid work or claim sickness benefit.



Colin Hughes (above, left) photographed by a remote-control camera during the flight; Brian Lecomber (right); talking him down; and (below) the landing (Photographs: Dod Miller).

Landing a plane with 3 hours' training

By Colin Hughes

When Mr Leslie Fink, a trainee pilot, found himself with an unconscious instructor in his Cessna 172 cockpit earlier this week high over the Isle of Wight he must have kept a supremely cool head. Yesterday afternoon my simulation of his experience left me drained, and admiring. Two days before I had never flown, even as passenger, in a light aircraft.

After only three hours flight and briefing (the same experience Mr Fink had had) my instructor Mr Mike Durdan, of Wycombe Air Centre, was to fold his arms, stop talking, and leave me to take control of our Cessna 152.

My first hour's flying had been overwhelmed by fear of looking down at the terrifyingly distant ground, of rolling and tipping the plane. Every muscle behaved like a rod-iron, and no exhortations to relax made any difference.

In my second two hours I began to feel the joy of flight

and marvel at this sturdy machine bouncing about in the heavens like a small toy dangling on elastic. But all that vanished when suddenly I found myself, novice-green, force to go solo. It may not have been for real; it certainly felt like it.

I was climbing at about 500 feet near White Waltham airfield, concentrating on that thin slither of horizon that seemed the only fixed point in the world when my instructor "collapsed".

At first it seemed easy. I could hold my hands steady on the control column and fly on for ever. But somehow I had to turn the plane, level out, go through 360 degrees, and land.

My backbone went rigid as I pressed the call button to radio for help. From the ground Mr Brian Lecomber's voice came over, gently reassuring.

"I knew I could turn the plane. I knew I could go up and down; what I could not do was draw near to land and touch down."

Like Mr Fink, I knew I had only half an hour to learn.

I came round for the first landing struggling to obey the voice as it told me to cut power gradually and descend. I pulled on the throttle and nothing happened. I had already cut all the power, and still I was not going down. All I could see ahead was that long green strip, seemingly no wider than a cricket pitch, which meant safety, but I knew I would not make it.

The plane suddenly seemed to take on a mind of its own veering crazily over the airfield. In fact my shaking limbs were tangling the controls.

The land was rushing by below and I wanted to go anywhere but down, so I overshot, slamming on full power and lying back, sucking in a deep breath.

By now Brian's voice over the head phones was the only reference point left. He could have told me to turn turtle, and I fear I would have followed his

instructions to the letter.

The second pass was worse, and again Brian shouted at me to overshoot, as I cursed, mentally, knowing throughout that I was flying too high. I knew, too, that much longer in the air and my concentration would snap. All thought of Mike beside me (alert throughout, ready to take over in emergency) had gone.

"Raise your nose, raise your nose," I heard from the crackling voice, and obeyed like an automaton. Suddenly the plane was veering away. I stamped on the rudders, struggled to pull it back towards the runway, but seemed to be rushing towards inevitable oblivion.

Then the message got through: I pulled back on the control column and the plane seemed to stop in mid-air and fall like a gull dropping on to water. One hefty thump and we were tearing through the long grass, way wide of the runway, still quivering but safe.

Talking down a tiny dot in the sky

By Ronald Faux

Brian Lecomber, professional aerobically fit pilot and flying instructor with 2,000 hours experience, can read the tilt and pitch of an aircraft approaching the ground better than most. He also wrote the best selling novel *Talk Down* set around the plight of a passenger thrust into the pilot seat of a light aircraft when the pilot collapses.

He addressed the dot in the sky over White Waltham airfield using the radio of a fire tender to pass his instructions.

The aim was to keep the

pilot calm and not overshoot him. We landed in the long grass at the end of runway 29. It was a perfect place to resurrect a lucky escape.

The wind was light, blowing slightly off the runway, but the swathe cut in the grass was broad and went on for a long way.

"Sorry to hear about your misfortune," Mr Lecomber said. "Don't worry about it. It's possibly just a little bit early for your first solo. Keep going as you are, do you read me?"

"Yes I can."

"You are doing fine. Have you taken your flaps up?"

"Yes I have."

The instructions continued. Mr Lecomber: "I don't expect to say very much at all. Really it is all down to you. What I will be doing is to tell you nose up or nose down. You do not need to acknowledge."

"That is understood."

"The other thing is power adjustments. Again small adjustments."

The dot in the sky had now turned into a discernible aircraft. Oscar Kilo's attitude and speed were down, the flaps (airbrakes) were down.

Mr Lecomber said: "You are

Oscar Kilo was holding the line of the runway, but 30ft above it, reluctant to come any lower, a stall at that height could have done damage.

"You are a bit far down the runway, so overshoot, fall power."

The second attempt was closer but still too high.

The tension in the cabin transmitted itself to the wings of Oscar Kilo on her third descent to the runway.

Power off, Oscar Kilo whistled to earth and after a bound veered away left into the long grass. The exercise was complete.

Secondary heads study closure

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Secondary school head teachers are considering whether they should take action, including closing schools, to try to force the Government to do something about the "dangerous deterioration" in the education service.

Sixty-seven heads and deputies, meeting yesterday in London at one of the three-yearly council meetings of the Secondary Heads Association, voted to ask Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to take immediate action.

They strengthened a motion which deplored the failure of the Government to provide adequate funding for education and expressed profound concern for the future because of a teaching force which is "undervalued, demoralized and unable to attract highly qualified specialist recruits".

Mr Peter Snape, general secretary of the association, which has 4,700 members, said the debate yesterday was the most passionate and emotional he had heard at its council meeting.

"Heads feel very much at the mercy of everyone, from the management to the assistant teachers' union", he said. "At present they are soldiering on with things getting worse and standards getting lower."

The National Union of Teachers announced yesterday that its three-day selective

strike would affect 825 schools next week with 12,000 teachers coming out on strike. The list of schools will be issued on Monday.

The authorities on the hit list are: Northumbria, Eton, Trafford, Rochdale, Wirral, Bolton, Stockport, Manchester, Oldham, Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Kirkcaldy, Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale, NOrth Yorkshire, Humberside, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Coventry, Dudley, Birmingham, Walsall, Solihull, East Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, West Sussex, Bexley, Bromley, Barking, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, POwys, Hereford and Worcester, Essex, Kent, Dorset, Warwickshire and the Inner London Education Authority.

Brittan rebukes Newman over police strength

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, delivered a thinly veiled rebuke to Sir Kenneth Newman yesterday after the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's warning this week that Government cash cuts are affecting his force's fight against crime.

In what the Home Office confirmed last night was a clear attempt to "put the record straight", Mr Brittan released the text of a letter to Mr John Wheeler, Conservative MP for Westminster North, in which he emphasized the increase in police resources and manpower since 1979, particularly the London force.

Sir Kenneth, who presented his annual report on Wednesday, said that his force was having to make cuts to comply with cash limits.

Faced with finding savings of £25 million to stay within the government limit of £899 million he disclosed that over-time would be pruned by 15 per cent and that other savings were proposed on cars, dogs.

Mr Brittan said the Metropolitan police manpower had changed "dramatically" since the Government took office in 1979 with police numbers increasing by 20 per cent, or 4,300 to 26,750.

1,000lb blast in Belfast

A huge IRA bomb exploded in the centre of Belfast yesterday and several people were taken to hospital suffering from shock or minor cuts.

The police said that a warning of a second bomb a few streets away was a hoax.

The lunchtime blast caused extensive damage to commercial premises. The police had evacuated the area after a telephone warning from the terrorists.

The Belfast brigade of the

IRA claimed that they had used 1,000 lb of explosive packed into a white van in Seymour Street, off Chichester Street.

Eight primed blast-incendiary devices were defused in a derelict house next to the Sinn Fein advisory centre, in Waterside, Londonderry, yesterday.

Six killers in the "loyalist" para-military Ulster Volunteer Force were jailed for life yesterday at Belfast Crown Court for their parts in five sectarian murders.

Boateng selected to fight Brent South

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour's first official black parliamentary candidate has been selected to fight Brent South, a safe Labour seat, at the next election.

Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the Greater London Council police committee, was selected from an all-black shortlist on Thursday night. He said yesterday that the decision was "a victory for all black people and

white people who are committed to the creation of a successful multicultural society. I have to live up to that."

He is the second black candidate selected for a safe Labour seat in the present selection round, but unlike Mr Russell Proffitt in Lewisham East, Mr Boateng was selected without the involvement of black section delegates.

Because black sections have received no constitutional recognition, their delegates have

Health check on lorry drivers at 46

The age at which lorry drivers will need fresh medical examinations before renewing their heavy goods vehicle licences is to be reduced from 60 to 46 (Robin Vuona writes).

Ms Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State for Transport, announced the plan in a written answer in Parliament yesterday. She also said legislation to be introduced soon would extend heavy goods licences from three to five years.

Ms Chalker said she could not act on a recommendation to extend the list of health conditions which would bar the granting of heavy goods of public service vehicle licences.

New medical panels had been appointed to advise on diabetes and cardiac-vascular conditions which could affect drivers.

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Tactical masterstroke pays off for Todd

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Ron Todd will this evening be confirmed as general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Britain's largest after a turbulent period of election scandals and ballot-rigging allegations.

Mr Todd, aged 58, from east London, has easily beaten Mr George Wright, the union's Welsh regional secretary, in the rerun election. Counting of ballot papers was completed last night and tonight's declaration is expected to show that Mr Todd has more or less doubled his majority in last year's first ballot.

The results, which means that there is unlikely to be any marked change in the style or leftward direction of the leadership of the union, is expected to show that Mr Todd has won clear victories in eight of the union's 11 regions and that his

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Mr Todd pulled a tactical masterstroke in being seen to persuade a reluctant executive to hold a second ballot at the height of the ballot-rigging scandal. That more effectively ended Mr Wright's chances of winning the new vote, because Mr Todd was presented as doing the honourable thing for the sake of the union's future credibility.

He will take over from Mr Moss Evans in two weeks at the end of the union's biennial delegate conference in Bournemouth and can look forward, in theory, to seven years in the general secretary's chair, although he has indicated to friends that he does not intend to remain in the job until he is 65.

Apart from a desire to spend some time with his family, Mr Todd's early retirement would also be designed to guarantee the succession of left-wing candidates to the union leadership. The running order at present appears to be Mr John



Mr Ron Todd

Health check on lorry drivers at 46

The age at which lorry drivers will need fresh medical examinations before renewing their heavy goods vehicle licences is to be reduced from 60 to 46 (Robin Vuona writes).

Ms Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State for Transport, announced the plan in a written answer in Parliament yesterday. She also said legislation to be introduced soon would extend heavy goods licences from three to five years.

Ms Chalker said she could not act on a recommendation to extend the list of health conditions which would bar the granting of heavy goods of public service vehicle licences.

New medical panels had been appointed to advise on diabetes and cardiac-vascular conditions which could affect drivers.

Boateng selected to fight Brent South

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour's first official black parliamentary candidate has been selected to fight Brent South, a safe Labour seat, at the next election.

Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the Greater London Council police committee, was selected from an all-black shortlist on Thursday night. He said yesterday that the decision was "a victory for all black people and white people who are committed to the creation of a successful multicultural society. I have to live up to that."

He is the second black candidate selected for a safe Labour seat in the present selection round, but unlike Mr Russell Proffitt in Lewisham East, Mr Boateng was selected without the involvement of black section delegates.

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Gdansk court imprisons Solidarity three after controversial trial

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

A Gdansk court, ignoring a barrage of international protests and pleas, yesterday sentenced three of Poland's top Solidarity activists to lengthy jail terms for trying to stir public unrest.

The trial of Mr Adam Michnik, Mr Włodzisław Frasyniuk and Mr Władysław Frasyniuk, regarded as the most important since the lifting of martial law, ended as it began, with gestures of defiance from the defendants.

The main judge, Mr Krzysztof Ziemiński, sentenced Mr Frasyniuk to 3½ years in jail, Mr Michnik to three years, and Mr Lis to 2½ years imprisonment.

After the verdict the three shook hands - to demonstrate that the controversial trial had not divided them - and smiled, and at least one, Mr Lis, raised his fist and formed a V-for-victory salute.

The mother, one of the few relatives and friends allowed into the courtroom, did the same. She shouted "Take care, Bogdan."

Outside the Lenin shipyards, Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity

chairman, expressed his fury at the sentences: "This is the most stupid move that the Government could make."

Referring to the fact that "Skorpion", one of Poland's most notorious sex criminals, was on trial in a neighbouring courtroom, he declared: "They want to make some kind of equation between sexual and political pervers but it is those doing the judging who were perverted."

Mr Krystyna Frasyniuk, in tears outside the courthouse, said simply: "They are butchers."

The prosecution had demanded a five-year term for Mr Frasyniuk and four years for Mr Michnik and Mr Lis. The Judge said he had taken into consideration the defendants' health.

Defence lawyers speculated that Mr Michnik was given six months' more than Mr Lis because of his particularly tough behaviour in court. The Judge expelled him four times during the trial.

Mr Frasyniuk received a longer sentence because it was considered that he had violated the terms of the amnesty which freed him last summer.

The origin of the charge was a meeting of Solidarity activists in Gdansk on February 13. Police raided the meeting and claimed that those present had been plotting protest strikes.

The defence argued that there was no way of proving that the meeting had conspiratorial intent, and that in any case the strikes were called off.

The three dissidents will appear in the Warsaw Supreme Court.

Seven leading academics from Warsaw University and the Polish Academy of Sciences have been detained in a police raid on the most respected of underground quarters, *Kryjka*, which publishes the works of Polish dissidents such as Mr Michnik, and also extracts of western books including, in the latest issue, a piece by George Orwell.



Spokesman Resigns: Herr Peter Boenisch West Germany's chief Government spokesman, who resigned yesterday because of an investigation into suspected tax evasion (Our Correspondent writes).

The Berlin public prosecutor's office said the investigation covered alleged tax offences before Herr Boenisch was appointed to the Cabinet in 1983. His successor was named as Herr Friedhelm Ost, a television journalist.

The Government Press Office said Chancellor Helmut Kohl had accepted the resignation with regret. Herr Boenisch had asked the Chancellor to let him go because he felt he could not continue his duties while under investigation, the statement said.

Kohl on knife edge over Silesian rally

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

Troubled Chancellor Kohl will face yet another difficult time when he makes a speech tomorrow at a rally in Hanover of Silesian refugees and their families.

About 150,000 Silesians, whose homeland was ceded to Poland after the war, expect him to tell them that, legally, the question of Germany's eastern frontier will not be settled until the country is reunited.

But Herr Kohl is also expected to try to soothe east bloc anger over his controversial appearance at the "revanchist" rally by adding that Bonn attests the same time stands by its treaties with the east. These recognize the existing borders.

He also has been attacked by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) in Bonn for his decision to attend the rally, which began yesterday. Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SPD parliamentary leader, has called on him to show his true colours at the rally and to state clearly where he stands on the question of the frontiers.

The Silesians enraged the east bloc earlier this year, and embarrassed Herr Kohl, with their original slogan for the rally, which was: "Forty years

Pay offer rejected by miners

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Pay talks between the black National Union of Mineworkers and the South African Chamber of Mines, the employers' body, broke down yesterday when the union rejected an average 17 per cent increase offered by the chamber. It is demanding a 27 per cent rise.

The union, which initially demanded a 40 per cent rise, reduced this to 27 per cent but informed the chamber last night it wanted the matter to go before an official conciliation board.

Inflation in South Africa is running at more than 15 per cent.

Black miners currently earn from 136 rand a month (£54) in the lowest surface job category to 526 rand (£210) in the highest paid underground category, and according to a chamber spokesman received about 100 rand (£40) payment in kind a month in accommodation, food, hospital care and sports facilities.

Mr Johan Liebenberg, the chamber's chief negotiator, said last night it would not object to a conciliation board, but had rejected the NUM's demand to be included directly in talks the union is having with white unions.

800 Shias still held by Israel

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

About 800 Lebanese Shia Muslim detainees are still being held in a strictly disciplined Israeli detention camp at Atilit, in north-east Israel. They are the remainder of the original contingent of 1,200 prisoners driven in blacked-out buses south across the border on April 2, the day before the closure of the Ansar prison camp in southern Lebanon.

The Israeli move was confirmed internationally as being in breach of the fourth Geneva convention covering the treatment of prisoners in time of war. Senior Israeli Army officers said the detainees would be released as the security situation in southern Lebanon warranted, leading critics to dub them "hostages".

The original contingent arrived at Atilit - known to Israelis as "Prison Number Six" and declared a military zone out of bounds to journalists - a number have been released.

No date has yet been set for the release of the rest, many of whom are supporters of radical groups including the Hezbollah, or Party of God. It is understood that Israel postponed setting free a large number earlier this month as a gesture which had been planned to coincide with the withdrawal from Lebanon. No explanation was given.

The Israeli Government has not stated when it plans to release the Lebanese detainees, although it has stated they will not be held on Israeli soil "indefinitely". There has been speculation that plans may be afoot to transfer a hard core across the border to a new prison camp.

Asians angry at delays Uganda's broken promises

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Thousands of Asians who answered an invitation more than two years ago to claim the return of property seized in 1972 - when the military dictator Idi Amin expelled them from Uganda at a few weeks' notice are still waiting for action.

They are increasingly disillusioned by what they see as President Milton Obote's inability to fulfil his promise to return houses, businesses, factories and other properties worth millions of pounds.

The handful of Asians who have so far recovered their property include the Madhwal and Mehta families who had built up industrial empires before being kicked out of

Asians angry at delays

Uganda. They have entered into partnership schemes with the Ugandan Government.

In a few other cases, Asians have returned and taken back their houses and businesses without a formal hand-over.

But for thousands of others who submitted applications to repossess houses, shops and factories there has been only silence.

Now a lawyer, Mr V N Ponda, is challenging the Ugandan Government in the courts, claiming that his property has been illegally transferred to new owners without his knowledge.

Since filing his action in the Uganda High Court, however, Mr Ponda, who now lives in

UN asks Peres to end his support of militia

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Mr Brian Urquhart, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, yesterday attempted to persuade Israel to abandon its support for the South Lebanon Army (SLA) and to permit UN troops to police the security zone in south east Lebanon all the way to the Israeli border.

Mr Urquhart, who is also involved in continuing efforts to secure the release of the 21 Finnish UN hostages seized by the SLA last week, made his case for a change of security prerogatives in southern Lebanon during talks with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister.

Before the meeting, there had been hints from Israeli sources that Israel might be prepared to agree to the deployment of UN troops further south in exchange for UN recognition of the SLA.

Mr Urquhart's latest shuttle mission to the Middle East has also included talks in Beirut and Damascus. His initial purpose, to work out new security arrangements after Israel's pull-back from Lebanon became overshadowed by the kidnapping a week ago yesterday of the Finnish soldiers.

Following his talks, Mr Urquhart emphasized that the UN was pressing for Israel to disarm the SLA because it was not regarded as a legitimate force. He said the only armed forces in the UN area, which should include Israel's 12-mile deep security zone, should be the Lebanese Army proper and the UN troops.

The complex negotiations over the release of the 21 Finns continued yesterday. General Antoine Lahd, the SLA commander, expressed optimism about finding a satisfactory solution shortly before another round of talks began in southern Lebanon.

Senior members of Israel's defence establishment have been taken aback by evidence that the 11 missing SLA men now in Tyre did in fact defect voluntarily as has been claimed by the UN from the outset of the bizarre affair.

But some SLA men were still arguing that the confession, made to UN and Red Cross representatives, had been given under duress.

Early yesterday a number of loud explosions were heard in northern Israel, leading to radio reports that more Katyusha rockets had hit Galilee. But it was later discovered that the missiles - either rockets or mortars - had in fact fallen short of the border inside Lebanon.

Evidence of Israel's continuing military activity deep inside Lebanese territory came with the disclosure by UN sources that an Israeli armoured personnel carrier, operating some five miles north of Israel's border, had shot two women driving in a red Mercedes car on Thursday.

The reasons for the shooting were not clear - there were suggestions that the car may have been a suspected suicide bomb - but a UN official said that a girl, aged 15, was seriously wounded when hit below the eye and had been flown to Beirut in a critical condition after initial treatment by UN doctors. The other passenger, a woman, aged 30, was shot in the leg and her condition was described last night as satisfactory.

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The five drop difference

Washington denies trying to sell arms to India

From Michael Binyon, Washington

American officials have denied that Washington is about to make a big new offer of arms to India, and Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister has said his country is not yet willing to buy any because of uncertainties over US reliability.

The State Department spokesman said on Thursday that the US would be willing to sell arms to India, and had been a modest supplier over the years, but "the Indians are not on a shopping visit and we are not pushing such sales".

Mr Gandhi afterwards told journalists that India had suffered in the past from the American policy of cutting off

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Alfonsin shock cure for inflation

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

A surprise bank holiday closed all financial operations in Argentina yesterday as the Government prepared to announce its drastic new anti-inflation programme that will change the country's currency and freeze wages and prices for up to four months.

Government sources said when President Raul Alfonsin announces the emergency economic measures he will also issue a call to his countrymen to unite for an all-out fight against the 1,010 per cent inflation.

The bank holiday could be extended till Wednesday to give the Government time to implement the change in currency which will replace the devalued Argentine peso with a still unnamed currency unit whose value will be linked to the United States dollar to prevent depreciation.

The Argentine Central Bank ordered all banks to close on Thursday night after rumours of the impending changes disturbed the financial markets as savers withdrew their deposits and bought dollars on the black market as a prudent safety precaution.

Economists described the plan, whose details had been leaked to the press yesterday, as a "shock treatment" designed to cut inflation at the root.

According to reports, the emergency plan depends on the stability of the new currency and on a Government commitment to eliminate its budget deficit and refrain from expanding the money supply.

Other measures include a retrospective freeze on prices, which shot up by as much as 50 per cent after the Government devalued the peso, and a gradual elimination of exchange controls. Wages are to be frozen as from next month.

The new programme represents a 180 degree shift from the gradual and orthodox austerity measures of Senior Alfonsin's 18-month-old Government.

A small group of Government economists and advisers worked secretly on the plan over the past two months and presented it to President Alfonsin for final approval last week.

Walters sees red at UN

New York (AFP) The new US representative, General Vernon Walters, made his debut in the UN Security Council with a surprise attack on delegates who he said distort US policies for propaganda purposes.

General Walters, who succeeded Mrs Jean Kirkpatrick, had gone into the meeting intending only to listen but said he changed his mind after listening for nearly three hours to delegates - particularly from Ethiopia and Vietnam - accuse the US of encouraging South African "intransigence".

Minister for trial

Cairo (AFP) - Sudan's ruling Military Council sacked Civil Service and Labour Minister Mr. Oliver Albino sent him for trial after he was arrested in Saudi Arabia, allegedly in possession of unidentified "stimulants" and sent back to Sudan, the Egyptian Mena news agency said.

Ship attacked

San Sebastian, Spain (Reuter) - Three crewmen were injured, one critically, when a Spanish trawler was hit by machinegun fire from unidentified men in rubber dinghies off the coast of Morocco, a local radio station reported. The trawler caught fire and was abandoned.

Bhopal sit-in

Bhopal, India (Reuter) - About 400 people stormed into the Union Carbide pesticides plant in Bhopal, closed after a gas leak which killed more than 2,500 people, to start a sit-in protest over the loss of their jobs.

Deadly cheese

Los Angeles (AFP) - Californian officials blamed the deaths of 16 children, including 10 nursing and still-born babies, and five adults on a Mexican cheese popular with Hispanics which was found to contain deadly bacteria.

Alert delayed

Port Moresby (Reuter) - Papua New Guinea has delayed until Monday the imposition of emergency anti-crime measures to stop more than 1,500 troops, police reservists to be deployed in Port Moresby.

Border freedom

Luxembourg (Reuter) - Luxembourg, France, West Germany and the Benelux nations agreed an agreement allowing EEC citizens to travel freely across the five common borders without police checks.

Prison surrender

Malaga (Reuter) - Five armed prisoners who shot dead a policeman in a jail riot in this southern Spanish city freed six hostages and surrendered to police.

Science pact

Seoul (AFP) - Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, signed an agreement here on scientific and technological with South Korea after a six-day visit.

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South Africa commandos kill 15 in raid on capital of Botswana

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African commandos yesterday carried out a 45-minute raid before dawn on 10 houses in different parts of Gaborone, the capital of Botswana. The Chief of the Defence Force, General Conrad Viljoen, described the targets as the nerve centre in Botswana of the banned African National Congress.

At least 15 people were killed. General Viljoen maintained that every effort had been made to get at the enemy, and not at the Botswana police or members of the public or innocent members of the terrorists' families.

He gave a warning that South Africa knew of the existence of eight other Gaborone houses occupied by ANC activists, and said that unless Botswana took steps to remove them there might be further raids.

Reports from Gaborone said that among the dead were a six-year-old child and his uncle, and a young Government social worker, her husband, and a friend, visiting from South Africa. A Dutch national, identified as Mr Achmed-Geer, was also killed.

According to Gaborone residents, the small group of attackers used mortars, grenades and automatic rifles. Some victims were reportedly shot at close range in their bedrooms or

Pretoria's attacks

Publicly announced raids by South Africa on alleged ANC offices in neighbouring countries: Jan 20, 1985: About six blacks killed in raid on Maputo, Mozambique. Portuguese technician died in cross-fire. Dec 3, 1982: 30 South African refugees, many of them ANC members, and 12 Lesotho citizens killed in raid on Maseru, Lesotho. May 23, 1983: Aircraft bomb and strafed ANC hideouts and training centres in Maputo. Pretoria claims 41 ANC terrorists and 17 Mozambique soldiers killed. Mozambique says planes bombed jam factory, killing six civilians. Oct 17, 1982: Three alleged ANC officials killed in raid on Maputo offices.

living rooms. The South Africans used loudspeakers to warn neighbours of the target houses to stay indoors. There was apparently a confrontation with Botswana police, who then agreed to withdraw. Two policemen may have been killed, and one commando wounded in the arm.

After the attack, the commandos drove back into South Africa, which is only a few miles from Gaborone, a geographical misfortune that makes the Botswana capital vulnerable to this kind of operation. It is the first time that Botswana has been attacked in this way, but similar raids have been carried out against alleged "nests" in Lesotho and Mozambique since January 1981.

South African security police agents are believed responsible for the assassination of ANC operatives and political opponents in neighbouring countries. An ANC member died last month in Gaborone when his car exploded.

According to General Viljoen, yesterday's raid pre-empted attacks the ANC had been planning against "moderate" black and Coloured (mixed-race) political leaders in South Africa during the next two weeks.

He said grenade attacks last week on two Coloured MPs had been the last straw. These attacks were blamed on the ANC by Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, but the ANC denied having any link with the "Western Cape suicide squad" which claimed to have thrown the grenades.

According to the South Africans, Botswana is now the main infiltration route for ANC guerrillas after the closure of their sanctuaries in Mozambique and Swaziland, both of which have been persuaded to sign security agreements with Pretoria.

President Quett Masire of Botswana has resisted pressure to sign a similar agreement. According to South African security police, 10 people have died since August in ANC attacks launched from Botswana.



Signor Craxi (left) and President Mitterrand emerging from their talks yesterday.

Action on united Europe sought

From Peter Nichols, Rome

France and Italy have called for a new step towards European union to be taken at the EEC summit in Milan at the end of the month.

During talks in Florence which ended yesterday between delegations led by President Mitterrand and Signor Bettino Craxi, Italy's Prime Minister,

an inter-governmental conference was envisaged that would examine the concept of a

secretariat to promote political co-operation between EEC members.

The Italians were more cautious on the subject of their participation in President Mitterrand's Eureka project for European technological co-operation. The project appears to them to be in conflict with the American Star Wars plan.

Signor Craxi said his Government would concentrate on the various projects under consideration as part of the Eureka plan

while avoiding dogmatic or ideological interpretations. He added, however, that Italy was very interested in European technological co-operation.

The two governments agreed on changes in border formalities to make them more liberal

● VETO CONDEMNED: Signor Craxi yesterday condemned West Germany's decision to veto a cut in subsidized cereal prices paid to Community farmers.

Iraq fires missiles at 9 cities and bombs 3

Tehran (AFP) - Iraq yesterday made an unprecedented demonstration of military strength, bombing three Iranian cities, including Tehran, and pounding nine others with surface-to-surface missiles, all within 30 minutes.

Despite the attacks, the Iranian Government was given its biggest show of public support in years as hundreds of thousands of citizens paraded to back its policy of "resistance to Iraqi aggression."

A provisional toll issued by the Iranian news agency Irna said 68 had been killed and 250 wounded in the Iraqi attacks.

Early in the morning, Iraqi jets raided Qazvin, Isfahan and Tehran, and 22 minutes later, missiles slammed into the towns of Dezful, Nahavand, Ramhormoz, Andimeshk, Borujerd, Masjed Soleiman, Khorramabad, Bakhtaran and Esfahabad-e-Sharb.

The attacks underscored an intensive campaign of psychological pressure by Baghdad in the run-up to yesterday's demonstrations.

Every half-hour, a radio announcer warned Iraqis that Tehran would be targeted for a bombardment and that new weapons would be used.

● PARIS: The Iranian guerrilla leader Mr Massoud Rajavi, announced yesterday that Iraq had agreed to his request to stop bombing Iranian cities as from yesterday. (AP reports).

US senator wants spies executed on television

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

A leading Republican Senator has introduced legislation in Congress providing for the televised execution of spies.

The move by Senator Ted Stevens, from Alaska, comes amid mounting public anger over the espionage scandal involving four retired or active members of the US Navy, including three members of the same family.

On Wednesday, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, stated that spies should be either shot or hanged. The following day Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, said the Reagan Administration would press Congress to approve the death penalty for espionage.

Although convicted civilian or military spies can be executed during wartime, the maximum penalty in peacetime is life imprisonment.

Senator Stevens' proposed legislation calls for the death penalty for Americans convicted of spying in wartime or peace and for the execution to be televised.

He told a press conference that his Bill would not apply to the four men involved in the present espionage case, because it would not be retroactive, "although I wish it could". His Bill drew no immediate support from fellow-Senators.

Comecon seeks EEC links

Brussels (AP) - The Council of Economic Co-operation proposed a resumption of talks on establishing formal links with the EEC.

It is the first official offer since the EEC and Comecon relations broke off in 1975 following the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia and the cooling of East-West relations.

An EEC statement proposed a high-level meeting of officials from each group.

Walters resigns at UN

New York (AP) - The representative of the United States at the UN Security Council, General Brent Scowcroft, resigned today.

Mr Scowcroft's resignation was announced by the UN Secretary-General, Javier Perez Cuellar.

Mr Scowcroft had been in the post since 1981. He was replaced by General Brent Scowcroft.

Minister for the Middle East

Cairo (AFP) - Sudan's Minister for the Middle East, Mr Ali Abdullatif el-Deif, resigned today.

Mr Deif had been in the post since 1981. He was replaced by Mr Ali Abdullatif el-Deif.

Ship attacked

Sao Paulo (AP) - A Brazilian merchant ship was attacked today by a group of pirates off the coast of Mozambique.

The ship was carrying a cargo of sugar and other goods. The pirates demanded a ransom of \$500,000.

Bhopal sit-in

Bhopal (AP) - A group of about 100 people staged a sit-in today in front of the Bhopal gas plant, demanding compensation for the victims of the 1984 gas leak.

The sit-in was the latest in a series of protests against the plant. The protesters are demanding that the plant be closed down.

Deadly chess

London (AP) - A deadly chess match between two grandmasters ended today in a draw.

The match was between two of the world's top chess players. The game was a tactical struggle.

Alert delayed

New York (AP) - A major earthquake alert was delayed today because of a power outage at the US Coast Guard's warning system.

The alert was for a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. The power outage occurred in the Caribbean region.

Border freedom

London (AP) - The British government today announced that it would allow more freedom of movement for British citizens in the Channel Islands.

The new measures would allow British citizens to work and study in the Channel Islands more easily.

Train toll 37

London (AP) - A 37% increase in the toll for international train services was announced today by the British government.

The toll increase would apply to services to and from the Channel Islands and the Continent.

Prison surrenders

London (AP) - A prison in the Channel Islands today surrendered to British forces after a long siege.

The prison was held by a small group of men. The surrender was peaceful.

Science pact

London (AP) - A pact for scientific co-operation between the UK and the Channel Islands was signed today.

The pact would allow for more collaboration in research and education between the two regions.

Soares fears turmoil after he resigns

From Martin de la Cal, Lisbon

Dr Mario Soares, Portugal's Socialist Prime Minister, has announced he will resign "because he has no reasonable alternative" after the Socialist Democrat ministers in his cabinet gave up their portfolios. He will, however, remain in his post to maintain political stability until President Eanes asks him to step down.

Dr Soares said in a televised speech that under the constitution parliament will have to be dissolved and early elections called because of the break-up of the Socialist/Social Democrat coalition.

President Eanes was continuing consultations with various advisers and party heads. Yesterday, he met the new leaders of the Socialist Democrats and will convene the Council of State next week.

Dr Soares said early elections would be costly because presidential and local polls were also scheduled within the next few months. He feared a period of turmoil and instability and thought elections would bring no significant changes in the balance of power.

He bitterly blamed the new conservative leadership of the Social Democrats for provoking the crisis by leaving the coalition. "The crisis that was deliberately thrust on the Portuguese people and is going to paralyse the activity of the Government came out of an irresponsible decision," he said. "That, in national terms is unpardonable."

He said the break-up could undo everything that has been accomplished in the past two years and even threaten Portugal's entry into the EEC, the treaty for which still has to be ratified.

Dr Soares reminded the people that he Government had inherited a terrible financial situation from the previous Socialist Democrat/Christian Democrat Government when it took office in 1983, which he said had been overcome by great sacrifices.

"Some of the people responsible for the 1982 financial crisis have now reappeared and would like to revive formulas that have already failed once," he added.

Clean-up for Indian Ocean

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Nine African countries bordering the eastern Indian Ocean, from Somalia in the north to Mozambique in the south, will sign a treaty here next week to control pollution and to protect marine life.

The result of five years' work under pressure from the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme, the treaty provides for joint action to clean up pollution in thousands of square miles of the Indian Ocean, and to protect the entire area from the effects of encroaching urbanization along the African coast.

This will be the seventh treaty of its kind, following others now protecting the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Bay of Benin and other key areas.

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The treaty will provide for joint action to clean up pollution in thousands of square miles of the Indian Ocean, and to protect the entire area from the effects of encroaching urbanization along the African coast.

This will be the seventh treaty of its kind, following others now protecting the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Bay of Benin and other key areas.

The European Community is to help provide finance for a joint organization which will monitor any threat to the seas in this area.

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WELL SIR TERENCE, WHAT'S IT ALL GOING TO COST THEN?

DON'T CARE RALPH, AFTER ALL I'M NOT PAYING.

A message from Robert Thornton, Chairman of Debenhams PLC.

HAVE THESE MEN TURNED THEIR BACKS ON REALITY?

Burton's Chairman, Mr. Ralph Halpern, together with his co-venturer, Sir Terence Conran, have fanciful designs for the Debenhams stores. This is clearly demonstrated by the artist's sketch on the cover of the offer document but, they are being somewhat coy as to the likely cost of their dream and how it would be paid for.

They did, nevertheless, tell a selected audience of stockbrokers and press reporters that Burton could spend, initially, £10-£15 per sq.ft. on the Debenhams stores. Thereafter they have apparently spoken of a further £35-£55 per sq.ft. being spent on a wide-ranging refurbishment - the "galleria concept". Debenhams stores have a total of 4.5 million sq.ft. of selling space. Are they really considering expenditure of up to £315 million?

Important points to note:-

- Why do Messrs. Halpern and Conran profess such confidence in the "galleria concept", while being so shy about how much it will cost?
- Why have they told only a selected audience about their estimate for conversion of £35-£55 per sq.ft.?
- Why have they not inflicted the concept on their own multi-level stores?
- How can they expect to make a return on such an investment when Burton has had little success in the over 30's market and their concepts for the Debenhams stores are just on the drawing board?

You are entitled to know the answers to these questions

GALLERIAS CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR WEALTH

Rubens fire 'a protest'

Zurich (AP) - A West German set fire to the \$2 million portrait of King Philip IV of Spain by Peter Paul Rubens (detail above) as a protest against environmental pollution, police said yesterday.

The German, provisionally charged with arson, broke almost 24 hours of silence to admit the attack on Thursday on the 24th by 31a canvas at the Kunsthaus Museum in Zurich.

He had been described as in his thirties or thirties. "He said he did it in protest against environmental pollution," a police spokesman, Mr Hans Huber, said.

A museum guard discovered the fire after seeing smoke coming from the room where the 1628 painting was on show.

Bulgaria closes border points to check terror

From Dossa Trevisan, Belgrade

In a series of measures aimed at combating terrorism in the country, Bulgaria has closed six border crossing points with Yugoslavia to international traffic.

News of the closures came from a spokesman for the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry, who described the decision as unilateral. Yugoslavia has proposed a meeting with Bulgarian officials with a view to reopening the crossing points, he added.

The points are not generally used for international transit traffic and the two most frequented frontier posts at Gradina, through which most international traffic passes, remain open.

Six other crossing points further south which are in the vicinity of regions inhabited by ethnic Turks remain open only for Yugoslav and Bulgarian citizens but with a curfew now imposed from 7 pm in the summer and from 4 pm in winter on the Bulgarian side.

Earlier this year, Bulgaria introduced new legislation as a means of combating terrorism in the country, and it was openly admitted then that the decision was prompted by a recent series of bomb attacks.

The bombings started after Bulgaria launched a campaign to force the Turkish minority to adopt Slavonic names. However, there has been no proof of a Turkish connexion.

THE ARTS

Radio Stop, look, listen

I have been dipping in and out of the latest and just-ended series of A Word in Edgeways (Radio 4 Sundays; producer Gillian Hush) and have found it, as ever, a thoroughly absorbing... Midweek. Neither Richard Baker nor Libby Purves possess the same quality of Robinson has at his command...



Zoe Dominic

Interview

Jeffrey Tate, at 42 now one of the most sought-after of the younger generation of conductors, is back at Covent Garden where he started his career.

Interview by John Higgins.

Alchemist of the opera

On Monday Jeffrey Tate returns to Covent Garden, the house where he learnt much of his music, to conduct his first new production there, Richard Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos.

conducts sitting down, except in moments of extreme emotion. Klemperer towards the end of his career also conducted sitting down.

One of the turning points in the Tate life came when he was a medical student at St Thomas's after three years reading the same subject at Cambridge.

It was one of those moments we all probably encounter when you have to decide whether you are going to opt for the safe job or go for the one you really want to do.

He was at Covent Garden from 1971 to 1977 working with all the leading conductors of the day: Solti, Krips, Kempe, Schmidt-Isserstedt.

In part, yes, but the sympathies were there already. Jimmy Gibson, who was in charge, encouraged us to express our natural feelings and antipathies.

ability to conduct Puccini, but I would prefer to leave them to others." So probably would Haitink.

Solti in those days was very much a father figure to Jeffrey Tate. He taught the young repetiteur about the ways of recording studios. He encouraged him to try his hand in Europe and improve his German.

However, the step from repetiteur, Studienleiter, Assistant Conductor or whatever the title may be is a large one. Several never make it; some do not want to. The break came for Tate when he was working with Sir John Pritchard at the Cologne Opera.

He offered the job to Tate. "Possibly I was mad to take it. But it was one way to find out whether you have the hands that translate scores and whether you have the alchemy to

transform a performance. I reckoned that Carmen was pretty poor as regards my own contribution and I wouldn't have re-engaged me. But they liked it and they did re-engage me."

Tate's hands are large and demonstrative enough to make up for any lack of communication from the rest of his body. His eye is rock-steady. His speech is very precise and rapid.

"You have to learn to control your body and find out what it will do. I've just completed a Met tour conducting Lohengrin and Così in tandem. Now that doesn't make for short evenings.

The conditions are right. There is a long rehearsal period and total concentration on a single work - no other opera in the repertoire.

After Covent Garden with its links going back to studenthood and even childhood, Geneva is Jeffrey Tate's preferred house.

Radio

Stop, look, listen

Midweek. Neither Richard Baker nor Libby Purves possess the same quality of Robinson has at his command (or is it that the qualities have him at theirs?), nor do they convey the sense of intense interest combined with intellectual vigour that typifies Mr Redhead.

Television Grim work

Nearly half the British workforce is female and, it seemed from Channel 4's Bitter Wages last night, many of them are getting a raw deal both financially and physically.

An office worker, pausing in the middle of her visual display unit, one of the wonders of our modern world, explained its drawbacks as she had experienced them.

One felt that there was much to be done in the field but wished rather that a deserving subject for examination had been supported by more medical and expert evidence and less by assertion.

Dennis Hackett

Theatre

The pressures of propaganda

Amid the Standing Corn Soho Poly

Based on interviews in and around Barnsey, this joint Stock-Soho Poly co-production retells the history of the miners' strike so as to trace the rise of the Women Against Pit Closures movement.

The debacle of Cortonwood follows, and her companions put thoughts of Spain aside and tighten their belts. May, however, hangs on to her little life, until - totally isolated in the community - she donates a can of beans to the village kitchen and throws in her lot with the other women.

propaganda show that does not simply vilify the opposition. As Maggie McCarthy plays her, May is simply a short-sighted housewife with a standard set of selfish responses, who is more bewildered and miserable than anything else.

Irving Wardle

Rock

CHAPS Theatre Royal, E15

In the ceaseless effort to spread their fundamentalist message and sell a few more items from the bizarre catalogue of Sincere Products, Hank Wangford and his latest band of country music saurians have successfully taken their show from the chaotic chaos of the pubs and festivals to the ordered environs of the theatre stage.

Irving Wardle

Concerts

Virgil Thomson Almeida Theatre

I have just spent half an hour that should have been devoted to this review looking over A Virgil Thomson Reader, the delight and despair, as Andrew Porter once wrote about Shaw, of anyone who writes music criticism.

ISO/Maazel Barbican

It was almost as if Lorin Maazel became two different conductors last night when he divided his programme between Mozart and Tchaikovsky. It was the first of two concerts he is giving here with the London Symphony Orchestra to be followed tomorrow by Schubert and Stravinsky.

Some of the dynamics imparted to the ensemble brought Klemperer's observation to their enrichment of the written notes, but this conductor was entirely his own man in his concern for clarity and instrumental balance within the texture.

opening movement that was made to seem shorter by the caginess with which Mr Maazel shaped the musical argument, the rest held a fascinating balance between a dignified tenderness (in the waltz as well as the lovelorn slow movement) and a baleful tragedy.

Noël Goodwin

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Croquet for all

As the Croquet Home International Tournament swings into full-blooded action at Budeleigh Salterton this weekend, so the Croquet Association continues its revolution. No longer does the guardian of Association Croquet regard the coarse croquet played in the suburban gardens as a pariah...

Self-surfing

Two Frenchmen are attempting to cross the Atlantic by wind-surfing. They were aiming to set off from New York this week and to arrive at Grand Point 25 days later. It is the challenge of a lifetime...

Safer bet?

The family of the racehorse trainer Michael Stoute have much to endure after the disappointment of their Derby hope Shaded. But they are more notable for their endurance than I thought...

Ultimate victory

After 10 successive boat-race victories, Oxford University have set off on another winning streak with their two-games-to-nil victory over Cambridge in the first Ultimate Frisbee match between the two universities last week...

The men at Lord's are considering knocking down the revered Mound Stand and putting up in its place a new stand stuffed with trendy executive boxes...

Boule over

Serious measures to make Pétanque, the game that smells of Gitanes and Pernod, a major sport throughout England are under way. A British firm has struck up a relationship with La Boule OBU, France's leading manufacturer of Pétanque Boules...

Shock treatment

Tennis players at Wimbledon this year will be trying to cure their aches and pains with an electric acupuncture machine. The machine already has found fans in sport, including the world snooker champion, Dennis Taylor...

Street credibility

The Street Raiders of Tooting, the North London Renegades and the Barbarians of Clapham will all be at the first GLC open street-hockey championships, at the Sobell and Elephant and Castle sport centres this weekend. Street-hockey, with 2,500 registered players, is making serious efforts to get recognized as an acceptable sport after its renascence as a casual game between lads from Battersea and Brixton during the recent roller-skating craze...

Richard Holmes speaks up for the search of the 'biografiend'

A preying passion



The biographer, like the old-fashioned undertaker, was for long regarded as a sort of necessary evil, standing at the gate of the Great House of Literature, uncannily polishing the funeral vehicle. James Joyce called him the biografiend, a kind of familiar demon pursuing his prey like a Greek fury or a bad conscience...

and part moral dupe, in tales of obsessional literary pursuit, which also contain serious - even profound - speculation on the nature of that "visible past". They show how life and literature continually overlap, and often hopelessly tangle, producing such comic and symbolic anomalies as the two (almost) identical stuffed birds in the Great Man's study...

central to the biographer's claim to a fair hearing at the front door of the Great House (or at even at the tradesman's entrance, or the French windows). How does the biographer really choose his subject or is he in some sense chosen? What real degree of intimacy, of access to the inner life, can he obtain through letters or diaries, written perhaps at hazard or preserved only by chance?

Looking for votes over hill and under dale

Brecon and Radnor is as near to being uninhabited territory as any tract of land that hopeful candidates ever went foraging into. Voters are among the rarest forms of livestock to be found among its mottled pastures. If a rare human figure does plop into view, to be surrounded instantly by candidates eager to show off their command of EEC sheepmeat regulations and reporters intent on testing the mood of the nation, it is ten to one that he proves to be a backpacker from Birmingham. After a few rebuffs one begins to suspect that this is a form of protective colouring adopted by the locals: they will have increasing need of it in the weeks ahead.

On the surface, however, the constituency has an air of modest prosperity, with footpath maps, and jodhpur boots, the farmers relatively unscathed by the vagaries of Brussels quotas, and small nests of light industry. "You have to know them well before they're ready to talk about what worries them," explains Richard Willey, the Labour candidate. "They're independent and keep their own counsel, but they have begun to feel the pinch in the west, only 48,000 voters, scattered across wide-open acres of detectable landscape. About half the constituency lies higher than the 1,000 feet said to denote a mountain.

appears the liveliest of the three. Christopher Butler, the Tory, is bulging with newly-digested local statistics and has a faint air of discomfort at being asked to fight a seat so hard to get acquainted with at such short notice. Richard Livesey is soporific in manner, but this may be well-calculated to appeal to country reticence: he has the advantage of being a farmer himself. Farming is the industry that all candidates pay most attention to. The number of people engaged in farming or directly related work is only 17 per cent, but such people are central to the local economy.

the last boundary reshuffle, but Ystradgynlais remains, and is one of the only two towns of any size in the constituency. There are not many jodhpur boots on sale there. A melancholy, sprawling place, its only building of note is the massive Miners Welfare Hall, a fissured monument to a tradition of self-improvement and self-reliance. "Labour ought to get in this time," 86-year-old Trevor Jones told me, with more hope than conviction. Only a few men in the town work down the mines, he said, now that its own mines have closed - "you could put the lot of them in two buses". All the candidates are in strenuous competition for the prized role of "local man," and to show how ready they are to defend local interests against Whitehall and Westminster. Even Mr Butler wrote a sharp letter of protest to Michael Heseltine this week about plans to close a military training camp near Crickeidwell, and the by-election has already been the saving of a geriatric hospital in Brecon, scheduled to close, until a spirited all-party campaign by next month's election induced the health authority to relent. Where the compensating work, will fall is unlikely to be revealed before polling-day.



George Hill

Woodrow Wyatt Don't let these miners down

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary for Energy, at last October's Conservative Party Conference: "Let me say this to every working miner who has endured the insults and threats on the picket line, to every household that has had a knock on the door in the middle of the night, to every mother who fears for her children... I say that this government will never let you down."

Even in the Nottinghamshire area there is bitterness. Some miners who worked throughout the strike left voluntarily after the strike had ended but before payment of the 5.2 per cent increase offered by the NCB in November 1983 had been agreed by the NUM and before the back payments had officially begun.

Because last Wednesday the NCB knew I was going to write about it in The Times, this young man has since been offered the transfer he wanted. Another young man in Yorkshire received a letter from Mr P. M. Moulton, executive secretary of the NCB, dated June 11, asking to understand that the Area Management have been able to offer you redundancy, and that you have accepted the terms offered.

John O'Sullivan Salt in the wound of arms control

New York When the national government embarked upon its modest programme of rearmament in 1934, the Labour and Liberal Parties supported a Commons motion which regretted that "His Majesty's Government should enter upon a programme of rearmament certain to jeopardise international disarmament and to encourage a revival of a dangerous and wasteful competition."

International disarmament had, of course, been jeopardised for quite some time. British statesmen had long been turning a blind eye to Germany's violations of the Versailles treaty. It was felt that if the violations were acknowledged, then something would have to be done about them. Since it was plain that nothing was going to be done, unpleasantness would be avoided all round if the violations went unnoticed.

no view, with her carrying him up and down, because it was unsafe for him to stay in the front room. She begged the NCB to help her move further away. She was refused help until last Wednesday, when I told the NCB I would write about it. Likewise on working miner's wife forced out of her house is still made to pay the NCB instalments for a central heating system in her old house which has been given to a miner who joined the strike.

Obviously there are many other cases of working miners being monstrously treated of which I have not heard. It is not surprising that I get letters which say, "I will never cross a picket line again."

There are some 2,000 jobs emerging at the new Selby coalfields. All working miners who want transfer could easily be accommodated there and striking miners have been so. The Stillington NUM branch in the midst of the Selby complex recently augmented by an influx of striking miners, has just passed a resolution welcoming Mr Scargill's rule changes designed to restrict miners' demands for other things, his members' rights of direct access to the courts on union matters. The Selby complex will be highly automated: Mr Scargill's men can stop its operation by flicking a few switches.

Some of the injustices I have mentioned are now being taken seriously, after months, because the NCB is afraid of the publicity I may give them; that should not have been necessary. But what about those I have not heard of?

John O'Sullivan Salt in the wound of arms control

They have violated the Salt treaty. So their actions are therefore no threat to the arms control process. But the US, by pointing out these violations and openly threatening to halt treaty compliance in retaliation, offers a direct and fundamental threat to the principle of continuing discussion. To break the treaty is less culpable than to complain about the breach.

What, then, persuaded President Reagan to comply with Salt on Monday? It was almost certainly not the arms controllers' belief that, freed from the "constraints" of Salt, the Soviet Union would at once embark on a vast missile expansion to 30,000 warheads. That idea underestimates the cost of a large nuclear build-up and overestimates the strength and flexibility of the Soviet economy.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 15 1859
Since the Congress of Vienna (1815) Austria had predominated in Italy as a guarantee against French aggression...

FIGURES PLEASE

Mrs Thatcher's promise of future figures is not an adequate response to the demand that her Government's ideas on welfare should be given concrete shape...

It is thus only when we see the figures that have been prepared for this review that we can judge the structure Mr Fowler now proposes. Naturally, there are problems with publication...

battle over spending in the next two financial years, which cover the period in which Mr Fowler's reviews are intended to be implemented. The struggle is exacerbated, as regards social security change which is not lubricated with higher public spending creates losers...

THE CHALLENGE TO KOHL

Herr Helmut Kohl faces one of the toughest challenges of his chancellorship tomorrow, when he is due to address a rally in Hannover of Germans driven out from Silesia at the end of the Second World War...

innocent people experienced terrible injustices, suffering and death, on the long march westward; that the expulsion of the Germans from their ancestral homeland in the East was followed by the (still more unjust) expulsion of millions of Poles...

through at least one of those Gordian knots of factional and special interest in which his Government seems to be tied. This month has not so far produced much evidence of this ability. While being damned with faint support by the CSU leader Herr Strauss...

BASHING BOTSWANA

The black-ruled states of Southern Africa have often paid a high price for supporting the cause of African liberation. In past years, Zambia, Mozambique and Angola have all suffered reprisals for harbouring nationalist guerrilla movements...

What has particularly irked them is Botswana's refusal to enter into a security arrangement of the kind that Mozambique has been forced to make. Botswana is an easy enough target. A land-locked country of meagre resources...

concern about South Africa's raid on Botswana. It follows the Angola incident last month in which a covert military mission was caught close to oil installations in Cabinda. Both episodes signify a more aggressive South African policy towards neighbouring Black states...

Agricultural surpluses

From Mr C. R. Miles
Sir, In the absence of the political will or ability to deal with famine in parts of the world we have to deal with European food surpluses. Yesterday it was milk, today wheat, and dealing piecemeal with one commodity will throw pressure on others.

surplus, the main one being nitrogen fertilizer, and most of them use finite resources as their feedstock. All the improved techniques and varieties that have led to current yield levels have relied on ever-increasing amounts of nitrogen fertilizer.

greater use of our own resources; a redirection of research into more energy-efficient farming; a lowering of economic thresholds for other chemical inputs; environmental advantages, such as a lowering of nitrates in groundwater.

A challenging attitude to juries

From his Honour A. King-Hamilton
Sir, Your article entitled "No challenge" (June 13) is timely. Abolition of the right to peremptory challenges is long overdue. Its abuse is patently obvious day after day...

panels are picked truly at random. There is a great deal of concern as to how juries are allotted cases to try. I do not suggest that jurors are summoned for their supposed prejudices...

Not fair game for the sportsman

From Sir Derek Barber
Sir, The refusal of Government to consider the addition of curlew and redshank amongst other species to the quarry list epitomises two fundamental issues in sensible land management.

THE FRENCH THROUGH AMERICAN EYES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.
Sir... It would be easy to infer that the total overthrow of Austrian power, though of more or less advantage to the Italians themselves, might not be unattended with danger to the rest of Europe...

From Mr Nicholas Thorowgood
Sir, Those who take it upon them to call for the abolition of the peremptory challenge seem to forget the origin of the right (to prevent the defendant's jury being packed against him) and to assume that the unscrupulous manipulation of the trial process is the exclusive preserve of the defence.

From Mr Michael Bromley-Martin
Sir, I am one of those perfectly awful defence counsel who persistently challenge respectable citizens off juries in criminal trials. In addition to Mr Badenoch's experience (June 9) of Daily Telegraph-toting jurors...

Faith in democracy

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal)
Sir, Peter Kelner argues (Feature, June 5) that an election which produces no overall majority does not necessarily indicate that the voters have deliberately opted for coalition government...

That is the lesson of Harold Wilson's action in 1974, which Mr Kelner quotes with apparent approval. To expect a monarch to grant a dissolution to the leader of a minority, when someone else exists who is able to command a majority in the Commons...

Protecting golden eagle

From the Director (Scotland) of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Sir, We were concerned by your report (May 30) of an application, since refused, for a licence to kill a golden eagle allegedly responsible for lamb deaths in Glenelg...

Future of universities

From Mr Victor L. Stater
Sir, I note that Mr James Pidditch, writing in your column (June 11) of the virtues of technical training, left university with a knowledge of Praxiteles and Piero della Francesca... but could not do anything.

Rural Anglicanism

From Professor Emeritus and Mrs W. R. Fryer
Sir, Clifford Longley's report and article today (June 8) about the deep decline of the Church of England in rural areas lead us to offer a comment. One of us grew up in the South Warwickshire countryside; both of us have spent great lengths of time there during our adult years.

Nuclear reactors in US

From the General Secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association
Sir, I was surprised to see Pearce Wright's report (May 24) that the "American electricity generating and nuclear power industries have discarded the pressurized water reactor type of atomic power station."

Graffiti as art

From Mr Bernard Kaukas
Sir, The plea by Sir Evans (June 12) that graffiti should be deemed as a legitimate form of self-expression of youth culture struck a responsive chord. Referring to the aftermath of the great fire of London, Swift had this to say:

AN AMERICAN WHO HAS LIVED MANY YEARS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY

Baden-Baden, June 11.
Finally, the French are about the vainest people in the world, and being also the fondest of war, it necessarily follows that the most grateful food to their vanity is military glory. For they will do anything and suffer anything in their capacity for war, but in their love of it...

Beating off bees

From Mr Lionel Kass
Sir, I was recently attacked by a swarm of angry bees. I panicked and ran as fast as I could, arms flailing. I have since heard several versions of how I should have reacted - none with much authority. Can one of your readers tell me what would have been the best way to react in these circumstances?

Sir John Moffat, OBE, was a prominent political figure in Rhodesia in the period of its independence. He was born in New Zealand, on June 10, 1904, and died in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on August 15, 1985, aged 81.

Mr Moffat was a member of the Liberal Party of Northern Rhodesia from 1959 to 1965. He was an advocate of responsible government and served as Minister of Finance and Treasurer of the Northern Rhodesian Government from 1962 to 1965.

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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Sitting pretty

At today's Trooping the Colour ceremony the Queen, as usual, will ride side-saddle. Anne Whitehouse learns the finer points of a graceful art

THE fashionable ladies of 19th-century France found themselves being urged by a contemporary writer to resist a "dreadful habit" which was being imported from England. "Ride side-saddle," was the message. "You are adorable as your are."

The "dreadful habit" was nothing more than riding a horse with one leg each side, and yet it was greeted with horror and scorn, at least by most men of the time. The writer claimed that "it has the hint of the ridiculous about it—as all English fashions do".

Arguments about the rival styles of riding go back far beyond the 19th century. Catherine de Medici's preoccupation with designing a side-saddle which would enable the rider to hitch her skirt so as to reveal the pretty hose and dainty ankle beneath, was followed by the masculine and warlike cross-saddle style of Catherine II of Russia.

In the last few years in Britain—perhaps in belated agreement with that Frenchman—interest in side-saddle has been on the increase. The Queen keeps the tradition alive each year at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour. Princess Michael of Kent is another royal exponent, and Lady Trill rode side-saddle in last year's Lord Mayor's Show.

But a more likely reason for the recent revival, according to Val Francis, a co-founder of the Side Saddle Association, which now has more than 1,000 members, is the desire to be more feminine. "Riding can be a very tomboyish sport, and women often reach a point where they want to feel elegant and graceful. The transformation from the scruffy teenager to the elegant young lady just in putting on the habit [riding dress] can be amazing."

body and a marked limp, but I decided to have a go, secretly vowing that the moment anything went wrong I would immediately swing into an astride position. I soon realized, however, that the design of the saddle made this impossible. The main tendency is rather to grip too hard when you first start, which can make the legs ache. So one of the secrets is to ride little and often.

Getting into the saddle itself was not the easiest of exercises. I felt like George IV, having to be hoisted up first, and then having my limbs and garments arranged for me around the saddle's two large projections. Once up there, however, you certainly do feel elegant. It helps to be on a horse with a long free stride, although the trot is the least comfortable pace and more likely to give you a stitch than any other. You also need a horse who will go forward freely: having to push hard to make him go does not show you off to the best advantage.

An indoor school with mirrors certainly helps when it comes to getting your posture right, and I was told the secret was to lift the diaphragm to get an elegant body line. The "shoulders back, chest out, stiff back" military style is totally unsuitable. If you lift the diaphragm, you can sit up straight with an erect posture and also maintain a supple back. It is worth practising, before you get on a horse, by sitting on a chair or on the corner of a table.

Keeping the right shoulder back is apparently the crux of the matter, and your hands should be in a position where you are in control of the horse, not placed daintily in your lap. Elegance can come later, once you have mastered the skills.

Betty Skelton, one of the best-known teachers of the art and now in her seventies, was first put on a side-saddle at the age of 15 and told she would not ride astride again. "When I was young, that was the convention, and you were considered to be making an exhibition of yourself if you rode cross," she says. "It was much better decorum to ride side."

No one taught Betty Skelton to master the skill; she maintains it was more a "baptism by fire". She was put in the saddle one day, jumped a round of seven fences the next, and on the third day she hunted. Since then most of her riding has been side-saddle, apart from the war years, and more recently, to meet new regulations relating to showing classes.

It was Betty Skelton who taught Lady Sarah Trill to ride side-saddle for the Lord Mayor's Show last year. She took it up specifically for the show, practising on her own horse at home and riding a police horse in the show itself. For her, the appeal was not so much elegance as the challenge to, and extension of, her riding skills. "The elegance comes later, when you are all dressed up in full regalia."

Side-saddle is not just for women. In the old dealing yards, men would ride side-



Top hat and tails: Jennie Loriston-Clarke, one of Britain's best-known riders displays side-saddle technique and (above right) with the assistance of a groom shows the most elegant way to mount a horse



High flying dancer: Fernando Bujones profiled page 22

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saddle, apart from the war years, and more recently, to meet new regulations relating to showing classes.

Side-saddle is not just for women. In the old dealing yards, men would ride side-

saddle if they had a particularly difficult horse, to avoid being bucked off. Contrary to what many expect, it is less hazardous than astride riding, because you are sitting down rather than standing up, quite apart from the hidden advantages of the pommels to hang on to. If the horse should suddenly stop, rather than going over the top you are more likely to slump forward and remain precisely where you are. For men who had lost limbs in the First World War, side-saddle was often the only way they could ride again, and the style is used a lot today by handicapped riders.

Most men who take up side-saddle now do so in order to teach it, and Val Francis finds it particularly annoying that they always seem to be much better than women. "They usually keep a better posture and they have stronger leg muscles."

Nick Robeson first started riding side-saddle in his capacity as a judge of show hunters. If a horse turned up with a side-saddle on its back rather than changing the saddle he would ride it as it was. "Side-saddle riding is a technique which can be practised like any other; the important thing is how you then use that technique." What he looks for as a judge is for the horse to go forward in a balanced way, just as if it was being ridden astride.

Nick rides astride by choice, but he has never been made to feel effeminate when riding side-saddle, and he sees the style's advantages. "If you are jumping, it's difficult to fall off with that great pommel under your knee."

Pam Dyer, however, does not agree that you are necessarily more secure on a side-saddle. "There is a certain amount of security from the pommels when you are moving forward straight, but if you get shifted sideways, a buck can sometimes really unsettle you and take a lot longer to sort out than if you were astride." If a horse is misbehaving, Pam would still prefer to be astride, and she

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Trooping the Colour

The sovereign's customary birthday parade, or Trooping the Colour, dates from the 19th century, although its origins stretch back to when flags or "colours" were used as rallying points for troops in battle.

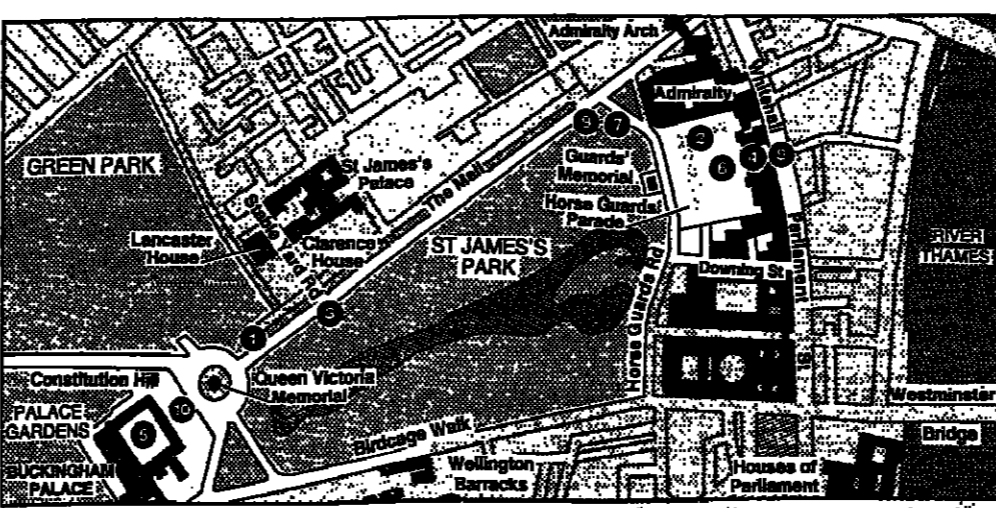
Today's ceremony, at Horse Guards Parade, is attended by all seven regiments of the Household Division. The Queen Mother and other members of the royal family watch from an upper window, while the Queen, mounted side-saddle (her granther disapproves of women riding astride), arrives from Buckingham Palace at 11am, with the royal procession.

She is received with a royal salute, the bands playing the national anthem, after which she inspects the parade, riding the full length of the ranks and returning to the saluting base. The colour is trooped from left to right down the line of guards while the massed bands play "The Grenadiers' March". The Household Cavalry then ride past the Queen, the standard being dipped as each troop passes.

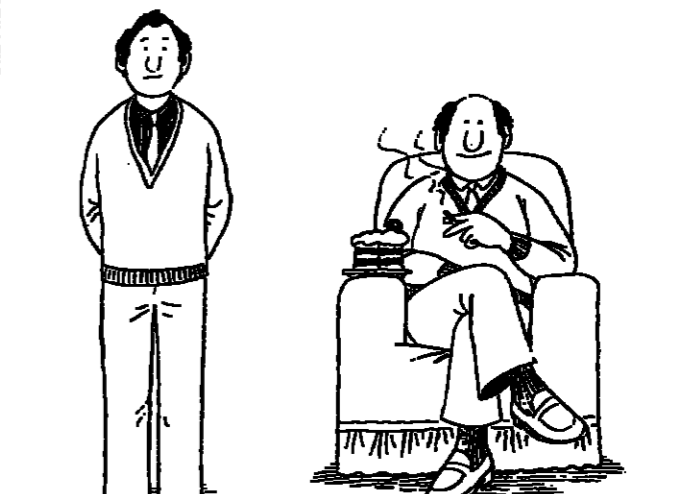
The ceremony concludes with the march back up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, the Queen heading the Queen's Guard, followed by Prince Philip. While the column assembles at the Queen Victoria Memorial, the royal procession enters the palace forecourt, in preparation for a march past by the foot guards and mounted bands. As the bands move off up Constitution Hill, the guards present arms, and the cannons lower the colours to the national anthem.



Royal side-saddle



- ORDER OF CEREMONY
1 Guards arrive from Chelsea Barracks and line the route.
2 Guards from Wellington Barracks march down the Mall and form up across the parade ground.
3 The Sovereign's Escort forms in the Mall to await the Queen.
4 At 10.40am the Queen Mother drives to Horse Guards to watch the parade from the Major General's office.
5 At 10.45am the Queen, attended by the Royal Procession and joined by the Sovereign's Escort, proceeds to Horse Guards.
6 The Queen, in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief Coldstream Guards and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, inspects the Guards and the Sovereign's Escort; to the command "troop" the Massed Bands and Drums slow march and quick march across the parade ground; the Escort presents arms to receive the Colour, which is trooped down the line of the Guards; the Guards form up and march past in slow and quick time; the Colour is lowered in salute as it passes the Queen.
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REVIEW

Six of the best back in play

Ever since Damon Runyon, the best writing in American newspapers has been found on the sports pages, and you could argue the same for Grub Street. If it is fine writing you want, turn to the cricket reporters or the war correspondents. Both deal with events considered of matchless importance, and both have plenty of time. In war as in cricket there are long periods when very little happens, and the only escape from boredom is to fall back on to the imagination.

Cricket Crises and Brightly Fades the Don by Jack Fingleton; Benny Green's Cricket Archive edited by Benny Green; Odd Men in by A. A. Thomson; Cruzes on Cricket by R. C. Robertson-Glasgow; Cricket Country by Edmund Blunden. All published by Michael Joseph, £4.95 each.

There is even one showing Bradman's off stump flat on the ground, but this must be a fake. Moving from the serious to the whimsical, we come to Benny Green's Cricket Archive, an anthology which shows perfectly how cricket has got beneath the skin of literature. Here are P. G. Wodehouse and J. B. Priestley, Alec Waugh and Cynthia Asquith, H. G. Wells and J. M. Barrie, Mary Mitford and C. L. R. James.

Even American historian Barbara Tuchman has turned her attention to our national game. She tells how an old Etionian called Henry Hyndman was converted to the cause of revolution by Karl Marx in person, and was reported by Bernard Shaw as saying "I could not carry on unless I expected the revolution at 10 o'clock next Monday morning". But the truth, according to Tuchman, is that "Hyndman adopted Socialism out of spite against the world because he was not included in the Cambridge eleven".



John Graham Sparty: P. G. Wodehouse (top) and J. M. Barrie

Poet, exotic and mystic revealed

Selected Poems by Rabindranath Tagore, translated and introduced by William Radice (Penguin Modern Classics, £2.95)

NON FICTION Victorian Wives by Katharine Moore (Allison & Busby, £3.95)

Language and Silence by George Steiner (Faber, £5.95)

Saved from the underworld

Hugh Greene's introductory lament to this intriguing collection of four Victorian and Edwardian detective stories and thrillers will draw a sympathetic sigh from all who have seen their off-beat collecting enthusiasm swamped by American and Japanese rarity hunters. Fortunately, however, the brothers Greene have been assiduous in their search for forgotten literary gems for more than half a century, building their library of vintage first editions when they could still be found in the back rooms of dusty provincial bookshops for a couple of shillings.

Following on from the brothers' previous volume of lesser-known contemporaries of Sherlock Holmes, these stories unearthed from the huge underworld of Victorian fiction are of interest as much for an enlightening portrait of their own society as for their own entertaining ingenuity.

Victorian Villains selected by Hugh and Graham Greene (Penguin, £5.95)

African explorer and prodigal son returned, a priceless necklace - are all consciously hackneyed, lightly satirizing the second-rate in the genre while surpassing it.



Hatchet job: a murder of 1870, in which a servant axed to death her master, who had seduced her

Tales of love, death and honour

The Law by Roger Valbard, translated by Peter Wiles (Eland, £4.95)

FICTION The theft of half a million lire from a Swiss tourist in the coastal town of Porto Manacore in Apulia, is the basis of the plot in this fascinating novel. The plot, however, while leading form to the proceedings, is secondary to the portrait of a dense, small-town community in the Italian south where every move is noted and where "the law", in its many manifestations, controls the actions and responses of the inhabitants.

She is well-bred, beautiful, serene, intelligent and so on. She also presides over her kitchen like an Italian mama, doling out food and love to every wail who asks for it. Her husband Humphrey, while of course worshipping at the feet of his madonna, is tired of being one among many who seek her maternal attention and has fallen for an independent self-made businesswoman who "with her selfish ambitions, her bloody-minded and her sheer awkwardness in sexual matters, seemed to be on the threshold of knowing the secrets of life".

OUT AND ABOUT

Outer circle captures inner mind

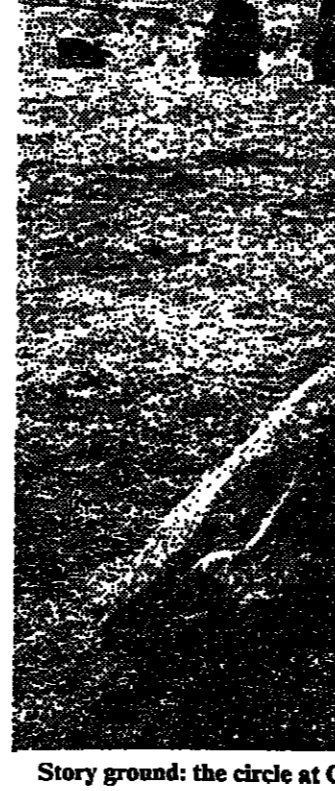
As the summer solstice approaches, John Noble begins a two-part series on mysterious prehistoric sites

Charles II heard in 1663 that the writer and antiquarian John Aubrey believed the ancient stone circles at Avebury in Wiltshire "did as much excell Stonehenge, as a Cathedral does a Parish church". The king summoned Aubrey to court and took him as guide when he visited Avebury a fortnight afterwards. Aubrey recalled later: "His Majesty commanded me to digge at the bottom of the stones... to try if I could find any humane bones. I did not do it."

much of the modern village of Avebury has been built within it. Yet the stones, some resembling penicillin, set in a bowl of chalkland amid a concentration of other prehistoric sites, still draw the visitor's imagination back to the days when Avebury was perhaps the most awesome and important place in Britain.

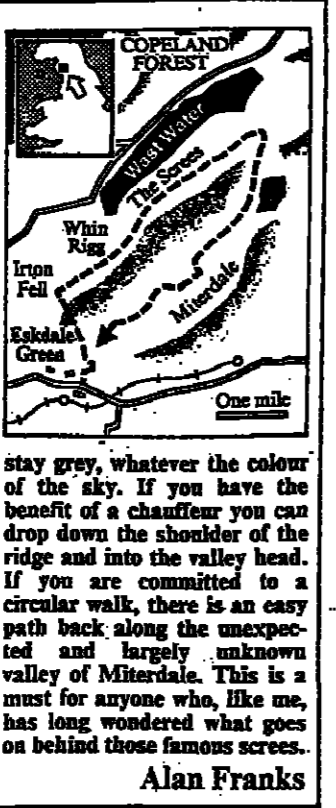
about 2500BC, a couple of hundred years after the building of the Maes Howe passage grave near by, where visitors crawl along a 10-yard tunnel to an immaculate square stone chamber beneath a 20ft-high clay mound. One might go farther south to another stone circle at Caslerigg in the Lake District which inspired Keats's lines, in Hyperion, "... a dismal cirque of Druid stones, upon a forlorn moor"; or east to the Devil's Arrows, three 20ft-high fluted fingers of millstone grit set in line across a Yorkshire field.

In southern Britain, the multitude of spectacular sites includes the Rollright Stones on an Oxfordshire hilltop, which legend tells are an army turned to stone by a witch's curse; or Hetty Pegler's Tump, a tomb beneath a long mound where the Cotswolds suddenly cease in a swoop down to the Severn.



Story ground: the circle at Caslerigg in the Lake District, which inspired the poet Keats

LAKE DISTRICT: Waddale Distance: 10 1/2 miles



stay grey, whatever the colour of the sky. If you have the benefit of a chanfer you can drop down the shoulder of the ridge and into the valley head. If you are committed to a circular walk, there is an easy path back along the unexpected and largely unknown valley of Miterdale. This is a must for anyone who, like me, has long wondered what goes on behind those famous screens.

OUTINGS SERVICES SPECTACULAR: Commemorates the centenary of the Soldiers, Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, Bands of the Royal Marines (Commandos) the Royal Yeomanry, the Pipes and Drums of the 51st Highland Division Territorial Army and the London Irish Rifles; also dog handling, parachute drop, Scottish dancing, stalls, refreshments and an antique collectors fair.

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WHERE TO LOOK

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PLACES: Avebury circles: Kennet Avenue, Silbury Hill (no access to hill itself), West Kennet Long Barrow.

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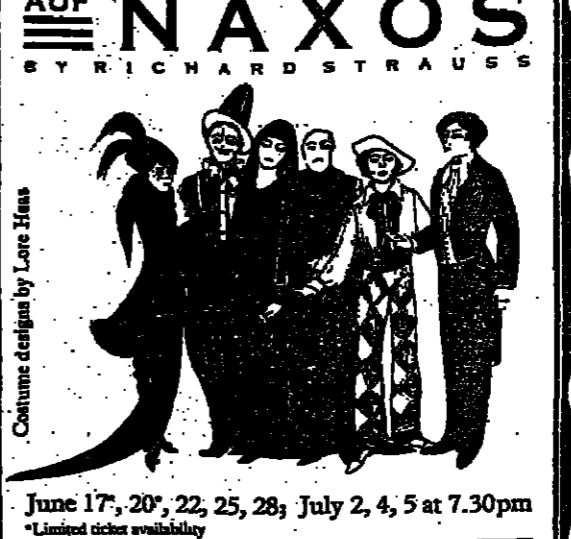
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ENTERTAINMENTS

THE WEEK AHEAD

A suitable case for treatment

RADIO

Literary radio is to the fore this week, especially tomorrow evening on Radio 4. In Speaking Out (10.15-11pm), Brian Gear presents a fascinating portrait of John Addington Symonds the Victorian man of letters. Like too many of his contemporaries, his is no longer and but survives as a biographical case-history. Not surprising really, as his writings - on the Italian renaissance notably - are only intermittently rewarding and his best works are probably his translations.



Ready to roll again: nostalgia with the Stones

Ready, Steady Go... time to start again

TELEVISION

The 1960s were, arguably, the most exciting years for the British pop music industry with groups like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones shooting to stardom. Television was not slow to exploit the young talents, the most successful programme being TV's Ready, Steady, Go.

Aromapack with eight mystery snuff, which are activated by scratching. In the programme, the presenter, Michael Rodd, will reveal what you are actually smelling and it is estimated that, although the nose can distinguish up to 10,000 different aromas, the average nose will be able to discern only three from the card.

Peter Dear

Woodrow Wilson's war and peace

FILMS ON TV

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States from 1913 to 1921, remains an enigmatic and controversial figure. After several decades of fluctuating reputation, he is now regarded as one of the important world leaders of the twentieth century, a flawed visionary who, though ultimately a failure, had a profound effect on the international political scene of the 1920s and 1930s.

He was the architect of the League of Nations, but was snubbed by his own Senate and America never joined the new body which its president had inspired.

RECOMMENDED

Wilson (Channel 4, today 7-4.50pm) is a successful serious attempt at a difficult subject. Made in 1944 it eschews the customary Hollywood excesses and shows Wilson, by all accounts accurately, as a man of warlike, intelligence, oratorical skill and worthy values, but also naive, stubborn, incapable of compromise and politically oversophisticated.

Every kind, but his main strength lay in the affectionate, often sentimental portrayal of small-town and rural America, secure in the traditional values of hard work, religion, loyalty and true love. Wilson was the kind of character he admired.

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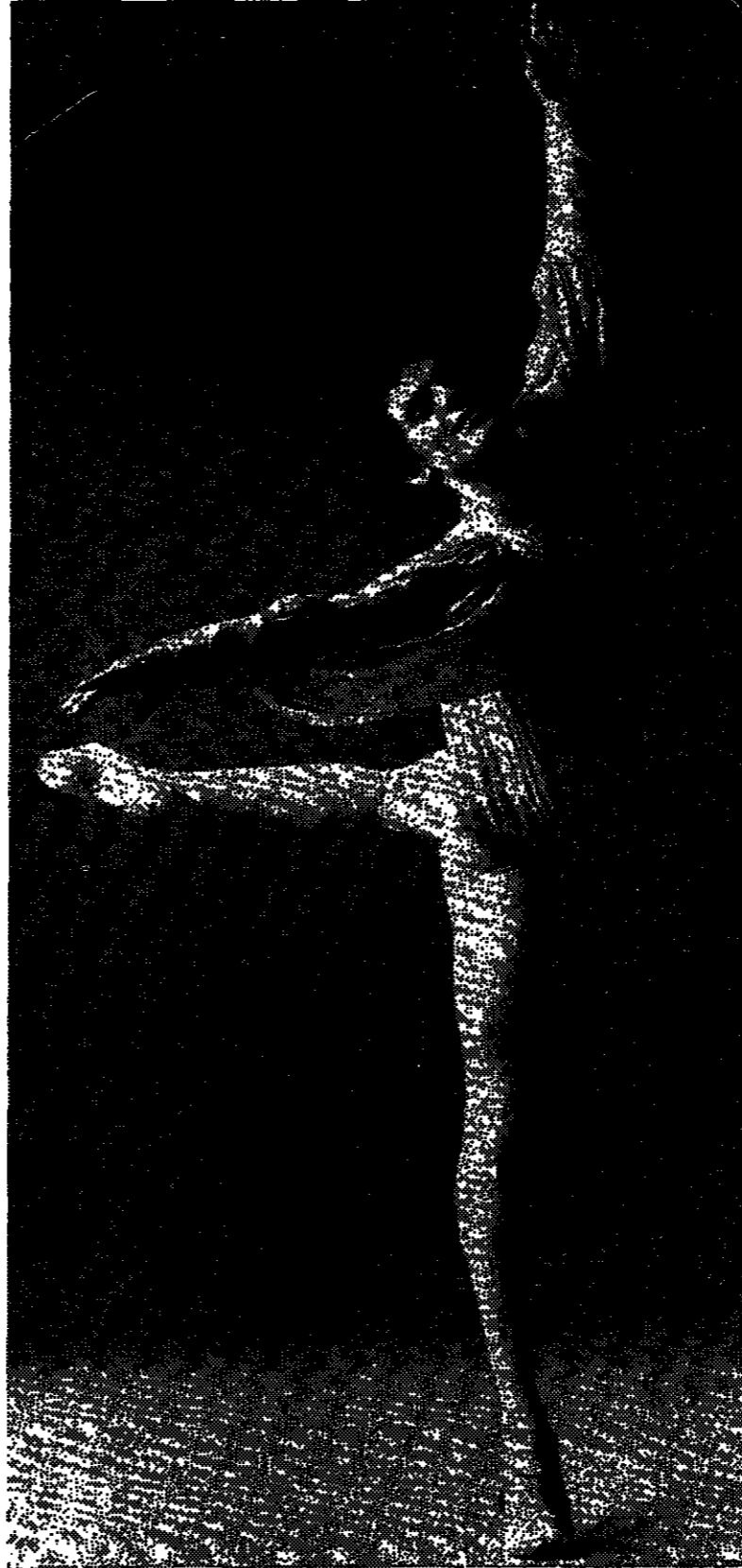
A virtuoso dancing out of the shadows

Fernando Bujones is about to take the latest stride in his copybook career. John Percival charts his rise to fame

Fernando Bujones says he knew why he wanted to dance when, as a boy in New York, he saw the Royal Ballet - with Fonteyn and Nureyev - perform Petipa's La Bayadere. It was, he says, "totally inspiring".

After that I saw some of the other competitors, much more experienced than I, and of course the Russians and the east Europeans take this competition very seriously and send good entrants every year. At the last minute I was again asked 'Are you sure you want to compete with the seniors? It's not too late to change.'

Bujones was the clear favourite. He came away with one of four gold medals awarded that year, plus a special prize for technical excellence. As the first American to win a Varna gold medal, and especially having done it so young, Bujones expected to be feted on his return.



ARTS DIARY

The bards of the air

What's the connection between poetry and high-profile travel? First Faber & Faber arranged to fly their top poets...

Limey Apples

Britain's latest export is, oddly enough, America, and particularly New York. More and more film producers are shooting their American scenes over here...

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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Period rates were looking a touch easier at the end of the day on a combination of easy conditions and declining rates across the Atlantic.

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APPOINTMENTS

Table listing appointments for various companies and individuals.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Bell soars 75p as analysts look for counter bidder

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares of Arthur Bell and Sons, the whisky distiller, soared 75p to 268p yesterday as the group abruptly rejected the £305 million Guinness bid.

only Bass and Courage (part of the Imperial Group) lack a substantial Scotch whisky presence.

Such a disposal should produce about £320 million which will eliminate debts and leave cash in the bank.

Government stocks showed a firmer front, with gains of up to 2% showing on medium and long-term issues.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business stayed buoyant yesterday, with total trades numbering 9,054.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues with columns for Issue Name, Price, and % Change.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BAKERBURN INVESTMENT TRUST: Six months to May 31. Interim dividend 3.6p (3.25p).

TEMPUS

Chloride outlook brighter on battery breakthrough

For every bad story there is an equal and opposite good story. So runs the Sir Michael Edwards theory of corporate physics.

FAMILY MONEY/2

100% loans for house buyers from £10m pool

One-hundred per cent home loans are available through the financial consultant, Chase de Vera. The minimum loan is £26,500 with a maximum of £50,000, and home buyers can borrow up to three times their gross earnings, plus the earnings of a spouse, says Paul Marks.

price, instead of the previous 80 per cent limit. It is also allowing borrowers up to three times their salary instead of the previous two and a half times. Joint applicants can now borrow up to three times the highest income or twice their combined incomes, compared with two and a half times higher gross salary plus lower gross salary previously.

Abbey ballot

There will be a very large number of disappointed private applicants for Abbey Life shares, after the massive response this week to the flotation of 48 per cent of the company's shares. Those lucky enough to be allocated shares will almost certainly laugh all the way to the bank when they receive their letter of allocation late next week.

Easier mortgages

Midland Bank is taking advantage of the present shortage of funds among the building societies by easing its terms for granting mortgages. It is abolishing the £150,000 ceiling on home loans and allowing house-buyers to borrow up to 80 per cent of valuation or purchase price.

Third man turns up in the wine sales

Wine investors from this month will have a choice of three auction houses for both buying and selling on a regular basis, as well as for revaluing inventories. International Wine Auctions, trading as Woodcrone Ltd, joins Christie's and Sotheby's with its first sale on Wednesday, June 26, at the Café Royal, in London's Regent Street.

Private investors stand to get the minimum 200 shares allocation (worth £300 at the 150p issue price) if they say anything at all. All applications for up to 3,600 shares will go into ballot from which the lucky ones will be drawn. Everyone else will have their cheques returned.

Stake in Europe

It is difficult to get investors enthusiastic about Europe, but it has shown respectable returns for unit trusts. Three - Murray, Mercury and GRE - have produced 12 per cent to 14 per cent returns since the beginning of this year. Abbey Life, anxious to offer investors a full range of trusts, has come into the market with its European Capital Trust which will be actively managed for capital growth. It says: "A key feature of

premium, each 200-share allotment will be worth £484 - an immediate gain of £120. Inevitably, the temptation to realise the gain will be strong, but most brokers are advising clients to hold on to their stake. Abbey's financial position is strong, its growth potential outstanding, and the prospect of healthy dividends and a bigger capital gain over the long term is good.

Petrol clawback

Employees who enjoyed free petrol for private use from their employers before 1983 could find themselves facing an unexpected tax bill. This week in the High Court (Richardson v Worrall - The Times June 12) it was ruled that employees who come into this category will have the free petrol treated as a benefit in kind and it will be taxable.

Fleet insurance

Company cars can be a headache for small businesses, and insurance is just one aspect of managing the fleet. Guardian Royal Exchange is attempting to remove at least one potential problem with a revamped and upgraded mini-fleet insurance aimed at small businesses with five to 20 vehicles.

Retirement talks

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Abbey's investment policy will be a readiness to switch between markets. To ensure maximum scope for this, we will concentrate mostly on larger markets and larger companies, although up to 25 per cent of the portfolio may be invested in smaller companies." David Glasgow, Abbey Unit Trust Managers' managing director, said: "Equities are currently a good buy on a worldwide basis, and some of the European markets now look attractive in terms of currency as well as share values."



Glasgow: Attractive markets

Tax dodgers

Managers of gilt funds, such as gilt unit trusts, have been hit hard by the Government's clampdown on bond washing and gilt trading. It no longer pays to include in these activities, and since they are now banned, it is argued that professional management is redundant.

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Money problems

There is no substitute for face to face consultation if you are trying to hammer out a knotty problem - and many money difficulties are tricky to say the least. If you would like the chance to put your points to money expert Maggie Drummond, who writes for Family Money, she is speaking at the Money Workshop for Women on June 26 (6.30 pm) at Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre.

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Old people raise cash on life policies

The absolute reversion, receivable on the death of a woman aged 80 to one-half of a freehold house is up for sale - if the fancy takes you. This is one "hot" in an auction of life policies and reversionary interests in trust funds, due to take place on June 20 at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, in central London.

Other items include one-third of a trust fund valued at £126,352, a whole trust fund consisting of £16,862.99 invested in the Halifax Building Society, a fully paid life policy on the life of a 58-year-old woman, with a current surrender value of £14,764, and a number of other life policies and trust funds. These periodic auctions are conducted by H. E. Foster and Cranfield. The sellers of life policies and trust funds are usually elderly people who want to realize some cash - probably to supplement their income.

As an investment, life policies and trust funds are a bit of a gamble. In the case of the 80-year-old woman selling the reversionary interest in a half share of a house, you are clearly gambling on how much longer she will live. Sellers of life policies obviously hope to obtain at auction a sum larger than the surrender value. Anyone who buys such a policy will expect to continue paying the premiums in order to obtain the terminal bonuses payable on maturity.

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How to ask for cash

A two-day Self-Help 1985 conference, organized by the Community Roots Trust, opened yesterday at the Wembley Conference Centre. There is an exhibition of stands and a series of seminars. The primary aim is to encourage and educate people - whether young, middle-aged, unemployed or employed and frustrated - who may be thinking of starting a business.

Mr Willott cites as an example a person wanting to start a business manufacturing and selling microcomputers of his own design. "You must in this case ask yourself how many of your microcomputers are likely to be bought in the UK in each of the first three years of the business. How many will rivals sell? What, realistically, is the percentage of the existing market you could hope to corner, and what could your rivals get? Have you got the necessary selling skills? Mr Willott points out that a deficiency in one direction is not automatically fatal to a proposal. "It may be that a simple royalties arrangement - would be suitable. An inventor or designer may not have sufficient experience to go into manufacturing, but settle for royalty payments instead, leaving the manufacturing to others."

MSC approval for stripogram service

One popular source of start-up finance which does not in any way rely on commercial expertise or viability is the Enterprise Allowance Scheme. You get a flat £140 a week for a year from the Manpower Services Commission - a not unduly difficult source of start-up finance to tap. The basic qualifying conditions are that the applicant receives unemployment or supplementary benefits and has been out of work (or under notice of redundancy) for at least 13 weeks. He or she must also have £1,000 to invest in the business, although the MSC is flexible on this.

Applicants must also be over 18, and below retiring age; but there is no stipulation that the intended venture brings with commercial promise - simply that it is suitable for public support. The proposals approved by the MSC include a stripogram service and a writer of jokey after-dinner speeches. Recently an aspiring pop-star received MSC approval for an intended business of hiring out his computerized synthesizer when he was not using it.

Identify the factors that could change

Enterprise Allowance Scheme, bank loans or overdraft facilities, or friend - makes choosing whom to approach difficult. But a common link in approaching nearly all in this area is to present your case properly. "The proposals we receive are usually too long-winded, going into minute detail without giving an overview," says one director of a London-based venture capital organization. "Many provide very little detail about the market for their particular product." Inadequate market research is a common complaint of those

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FAMILY MONEY 4

The umbrella man survives his tax storm

This week James Ince and Sons, the umbrella manufacturer, is moving out of the quiet lead-windowed Bishopsgate shop it has occupied since the mid-nineteenth century, to new premises in Hackney. And although the company's fifth generation boss Geoffrey Ince is sorry to move after all this time, he is relieved that he and his umbrellas are still in business.

Revenue blitz on the 'self-employed'

The Revenue has been struggling to pay off debts of around £15,000 - and has only been able to do so by first borrowing against, and then selling its Bishopsgate property. The problem has not been the actual business - although last year's dry spring was not a good climate for profits. The £15,000 that nearly brought down the company was a tax demand from the Inland Revenue.

There are two issues. First, why is the employer responsible for tax that an employee has not paid? And why doesn't the Inland Revenue inform small businesses of the ground rules of the PAYE system? They seem to have leaflets for everything else.

Small businesses do not have access to expensive advisers - the accountants do the annual audit and that's it as far as they are concerned. The Inland Revenue has had a blitz on the "self-employed" over the last couple of years. The benefits of being self-employed are that expenses can be charged against profits - and the tax is paid in arrears. From

the small business point of view it may be easier to attract workers and administratively simpler to make gross payments, particularly if work is seasonal. The Revenue, however, has been trying to get as many workers as possible into the PAYE net - the employer acts as unpaid tax collector - and therefore has been looking hard at groups of "self-employed" to see whether they do, in fact, qualify for that particular tax bracket.

There are no cut and dried rules. The taxman looks at the relationship between the worker and the firm - how much work he or she does, whether the worker operates on the firm's premises, has paid holidays and other employee-type benefits. Mr Ince still has self-employed part-time workers - doing the same jobs. The difference is that they take the work home with them and do it there.

The real point, however, is that the Revenue's tax demand nearly broke the 200 years old company. "The Revenue wanted its money in four months," says Mr Ince, "but the DESS, which was due the National Insurance, gave us a year to pay."

"My accountant said we should put the firm in liquidation, our financial situation was so bad. The reason we survived is that I was able to run the firm employing myself, my wife and son for very small salaries. For 18 months he and his wife shared a salary of just £3,000 a year. We lived very quietly, even the television went."

That, and the fact that he was able to borrow against the freehold in Bishopsgate meant that James Ince survived. Mr Ince said: "It's awful to think of this happening to another small business which has nothing to fall back on. In that situation we would have had to close and make people redundant. The Government is trying to help small businesses and it all seems very wrong."

Worse followed. In May last year, by which time the tax debt was being paid off, the Inland Revenue approached Mr Ince again, saying it was "dissatisfied with the firm's accounts."

Mr Ince said: "The tax people did a thorough investigation - going back 15 years into our accounts. I think they were interested in how we had



Geoffrey Ince: Home and dry but asking why the taxman hits small businesses

actually managed to keep going despite having to pay off the tax debt. I suppose they wanted to find out if we had been doing any business for cash - selling umbrellas to market traders and not declaring it - that sort of thing.

"They looked at everything - cheques and savings accounts - the lot. It took weeks and must have cost them a fortune. It was quite difficult remembering what all the cheques were for - two large amounts we couldn't account for at first, turned out to be tax rebates."

The Revenue found nothing amiss. The sole result of their expensive labours seemed to be a tax assessment on Mr Ince on estimated fees received for playing the organ at local church weddings - £25 a year for the past five years.

He says: "The second time the taxman was very understanding and polite - but you still have this awful feeling of being guilty before being proved innocent."

Maggie Drummond

Assessment on fee for playing church organ

that James Ince survived. Mr Ince said: "It's awful to think of this happening to another small business which has nothing to fall back on. In that situation we would have had to close and make people redundant. The Government is trying to help small businesses and it all seems very wrong."

Worse followed. In May last year, by which time the tax debt was being paid off, the Inland Revenue approached Mr Ince again, saying it was "dissatisfied with the firm's accounts."

Mr Ince said: "The tax people did a thorough investigation - going back 15 years into our accounts. I think they were interested in how we had

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Table containing unit linked insurance investments with columns for fund name, manager, and performance metrics.

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TENNIS: BRITAIN TAKE 2-0 LEAD OVER PORTUGAL IN DAVIS CUP

Shaw conquers the enemy within and does not look back

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
Stephen Shaw took only an hour and 25 minutes to beat Joao Silva 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 and put Britain ahead in their Davis Cup tie with Portugal at Nottingham yesterday.



Queen's low: Curran on his way to being trumped yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Curran falls prey to tigerish attack

By David Powell
Kevin Curran has been following a false trail since taking a safari holiday in South Africa. He was seeded to reach the final of his first break from the game, but in both cases has failed to advance beyond the first round.

FOOTBALL

Coliseum awaits lions and lambs

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Los Angeles
England have packed their bags and moved down from the mountains of Mexico to the Coliseum to await the arrival of the lions and lambs.

SHOW JUMPING: SHINING EXAMPLE IN THE WINNING ENCLOSURE

Smith turns on the power to beat his son by half a second

By Jenny MacArthur
Harvey Smith and his elder son Robert, found themselves in fierce competition in the Raffles Classic over speed and competition, the opening class at yesterday's Royal International Horse Show in Birmingham.



Harvey Smith: tight rein

MOTOR RACING

Porsche at its peak during practice

From John Blunsden, Le Mans
This is the most incredible racing car I have ever driven. Derek Bell said the Rothmans Porsche 962C which he is sharing with Hans-Joachim Haferkamp.

HOCKEY

England's reserves of strength

From Sydney Friskin, Amsterdam
After their encouraging 3-2 victory over the Netherlands on Thursday the England squad practised at the Wagener stadium here yesterday for today's crucial match against India.

Hobbs hobbles out

Anne Hobbs, the British survivor in the Edgbaston Cup women's international tournament at Birmingham, lasted less than an hour when she faced the defending champion, Pam Shriver.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing sports records, including tennis, football, and other sports. Columns include 'SECOND XI COMPETITION', 'BASEBALL', 'CYCLING', 'HOCKEY', and 'BASKETBALL'.

FIFA stay silent on FA's plea

Zurich (Reuters) - FIFA will not comment at this stage on an appeal for clemency by the Football Association over the worldwide ban on English clubs last week.

ATHLETICS: CALF INJURY CLEARS UP FOR BIRMINGHAM MATCH

Steve Cram is confident that he will be fit enough to run against Sebastian Coe and Peter Elliott next Friday in what will be the first big domestic race of the season.

Troke slips past foe

Calgary (AP) - Helen Troke, of England, secured a quarter-final place Thursday in the world championships, but her achievement was attained only with difficulty.

Troke: among last eight

The challenge of Alex White, of Scotland 15-3, 15-3. Frost has dropped only 21 points in three matches.

Woods has a big price on his head

Half has offered a world record transfer fee of \$28,000 for John Woods, the Leigh and Great Britain half back.

Bringing credit to England

From a Special Correspondent, Vientien, The Netherlands
England emerged the new favourites after the second stage of the four nations semi-professional tournament when they achieved an emphatic 3-0 victory over their hosts, the Netherlands.

Thomas out to break Three Peaks record

One of yachting's most unusual races begins at Bournemouth in Dorset on July 1 when 34 men and women will set off on the annual Three Peaks race.

Palace out to break Three Peaks record

Crystal Palace are expected to meet a new offer for their Selhurst Park ground from the property developers, Marler Estates.

McAvennie signs

West Ham United have paid £340,000 for the St. Mirren forward, Frankie McAvennie.

YACHTING

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures for the weekend, including cricket, football, and other sports. Columns include 'CRICKET', 'FOOTBALL', and 'OTHER FIXTURES'.

Memorial names 255 killed in the Falklands

By Alan Hamilton

Three years to the day since the liberation of Port Stanley, the Queen unveiled a memorial in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday bearing the names of the 255 servicemen and civilians whose lives were the price of regaining the Falkland Islands.

The memorial is the formal record of tribute, the only complete catalogue of departed sons and fathers, chiselled in a slab of green Cambrian slate, placed in the crypt between the monuments to Nelson and Wellington.

Its dedication was witnessed by a congregation of 2,200, including nearly 800 next-of-kin for whom even the ringing splendour of old and favourite hymns could not suppress a fresh stir of painful memory.

At the same time, 8,000 miles away, Falkland Islanders gathered on the Stanley seafront, swept by the winds of southern winter, to dedicate a memorial raised by their own subscription and inscribed: "In memory of those who liberated us."

St Paul's is a light, uplifting cathedral and the widows watched its mood. They came in bright dresses, in flowers and broad-brimmed hats. They brought polished children, sporting the medals of departed fathers some had never known.

Only Mrs Margaret Thatcher, leading an all-party group of parliamentary colleagues that encompassed Mr Neil Kinnock, the Rev Ian Paisley and all political shades between, chose to dress in black.

Behind the relatives the great nave was filled with rows of those who fought and came home, from Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore, Admirals Lord Lewis, Stonehouse and Woodward, to former Welsh Guardsman, Simon Weston, whose courageous fight to rebuild a body and life from the inferno of the Str Gatahad has inspired television viewers.

The Queen, dressed in a subdued palette of blue and white, led a strong contingent of the Royal Family, including the Duke of Edinburgh, the Princesses Anne, Alexandra, and Alice, the Duke of Kent, the Duchesses of Kent and Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent.

"We meet to give thanks to God for all those who gave their lives", the Very Rev Alan Webster, Dean of St Paul's, said in the Bidding. "To share the pain and the grief of those who mourn, and to pray for those who carry in mind or body the scars of battle and to find fresh resolve to serve God faithfully in our own lives."

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewis read the first lesson, from Ecclesiastes, praising famous men. Archbishop Frank Harvey took the second lesson from St John's Gospel: "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you."

To the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, fell the task of attempting to square the impossible circle of personal bereavement. "For those directly involved, their memories today will be many, fresh and sharp. Memories need managing."

But managing memory was not to live in the past, "clinging so tenaciously to yesterday that we can see no good in the present and no hope in the future." It was to realize that what was past was never fixed for ever nor lost for ever.

Then the sound of a piper rose with a lament stirring memories of the bare, brown Falkland hills. "The Crags of Tumbledown", while the Queen walked to the crypt to unveil the memorial and Prince Andrew placed on it a wreath from the islanders.

In that brief but aching silence of respect between the bugle-calls of "Last Post" and "Reveille", the stillness allowed in the flood of memory which until then had been held back by the distractions of pomp, and among the widows, fathers and the brothers and sisters, tears were shed by some.

Vaughan Williams' "Old Hundredth" blew away the moment of grief for some in a rousing blast of glory, but for those of us who two years ago witnessed the memorial service in Falkland Sound for those who have no grave but the sea, the choir's final verse of "For those in peril on the sea" was a poignant moment.

The dignitaries gone, the next-of-kin queued to negotiate the winding crypt stairs to view the tablet, executed at a cost of £30,000 by the sculptor, David Kindersley. It differs from the official war memorial above San Carlos Water; that bears the names only of the 14 soldiers buried there and of those lost at sea.



The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Andrew (right) and other members of the Royal Family in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday (Photograph: Warren Harrison).



Mrs Jean Stroud, a Falklands widow from Bolton, with her son, John Paul, aged three.

Lebanese gunmen hijack US jet and 126 tourists

Continued from page 1 As the plane taxied for its take-off to Algeria, the newly-freed passengers were brought to the airport terminal, 19 frightened women and children shepherd into the departure lounge, bewildered, stunned, quite unable to grasp how a routine flight had delivered them into the hands of Lebanese gunmen.

Awards for Brighton bomb blast rescuers

Continued from page 1 Africa, and Mr Marcus Thompson, the Oxford disaster officer who arranged the first shipment of aid to Ethiopia, there are knighthoods for Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds; Mr Peter Horahan, Conservative MP for Horsham; and Mr Russell Johnston, Liberal MP for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, Mrs Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston; and Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for England and wife of Mr Roy Jenkins, become dames.

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,758 and Solution of Puzzle No 16,763. Contains crossword puzzle grids with filled-in letters.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,764. Includes a 10x10 grid and a list of clues for both across and down directions.

Answers to the crossword puzzle No 16,764. Includes 1 Down: Retainer stipid to take such an interest in land (3,6).

Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen, accompanied by The Queen Mother, Princess Alice and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, takes the Salute at the Queen's Birthday Parade, 11.00.

Gardens open

Today: Rose and Chrysanthemum Show, 10.30 to 5.00. Over 200 varieties of roses to be seen.

Anniversaries

Edward Grieg was born at Bergen, Norway, 1843. Deaths: Thomas Campbell, poet, Boulogne, 1844.

Tomorrow

Royal engagements Princess Anne, attends the silver jubilee celebrations of the Association of Combined Youth Clubs on Clapham Common, 2.15.

Roads

Midland MS (Harrogate and Worsworth) are closed between Junction 4 and 5.

Portfolio

Table showing weekly portfolio price changes for various stocks like Shell, ICI, and British Telecom.

Weather

An anticyclone will be slow moving just W of the British Isles. London, SE, sun, NW, rain, fog.

Lighting-up time

London: 8.59 pm to 4.13 am. Brighton: 8.59 pm to 4.23 am.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: London, 16.1°C; Brighton, 15.8°C.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8.8m to 8 pm, 18.6°C; min 6 pm to 8 am, 10.0°C.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp 18.6°C (RAF); lowest day temp 6.0°C (W. G. 14). Highest night temp 11.4°C (RAF); lowest night temp 4.1°C (RAF).

High tides

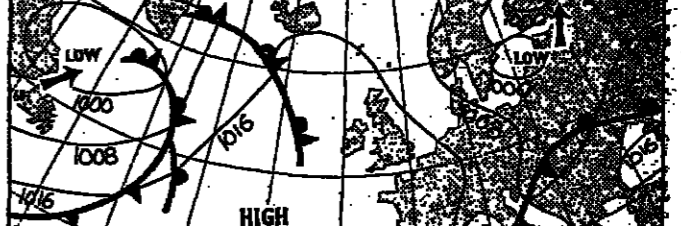


Table of high tide and low tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, and Cardiff.

Around Britain

Table showing weather forecasts for various parts of Britain, including East Coast, South Coast, and West Coast.

Abroad

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations like Algeiras, Algiers, and Athens.

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